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CHIANG ORDERS GENERAL ATTACK.

Big Offensive Against North To Begin To-Morrow.

FENG THROWS IN HIS LOT WITH NANKING.

Marshal Wu Pei-fu Again Reported To Be In Flight

SHAKEE DEMONSTRATIONS PASS OFF WITHOUT FRICTION.

Great Britain's Exports To Hong Kong And China Now Reviving.

According to a Reuter message from Shanghai to-day, General Chiang Kai-shek is reported to have ordered a general offensive against the North to begin to-morrow.

Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang has definitely thrown in his lot with the Nanking party and it is believed he has undertaken to clear all anti-Nationalists out of Honan and then to attack the North.

One outcome of the alliance between Chiang Kai-shek and Feng Yu-hsiang is to be seen in the reported flight of Wu Pei-fu, who is rumoured, states a Shanghai message, to have fled into Szechuen.

Meanwhile the general lull in the situation has not been broken, and the demonstrations organised to commemorate the Shakee affair appear everywhere to have passed off quietly.

Figures quoted in the House of Commons yesterday show that Britain's trade with Hong Kong and China is reviving, but any big improvement will depend on the re-establishment of order in China.

FIRM ALLIES.

Chiang and Feng To Attack
North.

Shanghai, June 23.
Marshal Feng Yu-hsiang, after conferring with General Chiang Kai-shek at Hsuehchow, has returned to Chengchow.

It is understood that Feng arranged with Chiang Kai-shek to clear Honan Province of all anti-Nationalists, then to attack the Northern Railway. Before leaving, Feng made a speech eulogising

GENERAL ATTACK.

Chiang Said To Have Issued
The Order.

Shanghai, June 23.
It is reported that General Chiang Kai-shek has ordered a general offensive against the North to commence on June 25.—Reuter.

Chiang Kai-shek's firmness and fearlessness which together with the three Principles had resulted in the Nationalists' success so far and which he avowed could alone save China.

Concluding, Feng announced that his forces would fight to the uttermost for the success of the Nationalist revolution.—Reuter.

Raising the Wind.

Shanghai, June 23.
General Chiang Kai-shek has returned to Nanking. There has been a conference with Ku Ying-tan over the question of the raising of funds.

It is reported that the fusion between Chiang Kai-shek and General Feng Yu-hsiang has caused consternation in the Communist camp. According to another report one section of the Kuomintang is pressing Feng to attack and annihilate the Communists.—Hong Kong Evening Post.

A BROKEN REED.

Wu Pei-fu Again Reported In
Flight.

Shanghai, June 23.
Marshal Wu Pei-fu is rumoured to have fled from Nanyang to Szechuen.—Reuter.

A GENERAL LULL.

Shakee Demonstrations Pass
Off Quietly.

Shanghai, June 23.
There is no change in the situation here or at Yangtse ports generally, demonstrations organised to commemorate the Shakee affair of 1925 up to the time of despatch having apparently passed off quietly.

Courtesy Visits.

The Commander in Chief of the China Squadron, Vice-Admiral Sir

Reginald Tyrwhitt returned the official call of General Chang, the Nationalist Commissioner of Defence, Shanghai, yesterday and was cordially received.—British Naval Wireless.

TRADE WITH CHINA.

Exports to Hong Kong Show
Increase.

London, June 23.
In the House of Commons, replying to Comdr. Kenworthy (Labour), Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister, President of the Board of Trade, gave figures showing that the imports into the United Kingdom from China, excluding Hong Kong and Macao and the leased territories, in the first three months of 1927 were \$3,319,000, compared with \$3,358,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

The exports from the United Kingdom to China were \$3,549,000 compared with \$5,712,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

Exports to Hong Kong in the first three months of 1927 were \$1,181,000 compared with \$884,000 in the corresponding period of last year.

Sir Philip Cunliffe Lister said any considerable improvement in Sino-British trade must depend on the re-establishment of order in China.—Reuter.

HANKOW DEBENTURES.

Interest To Be Paid In Central
Bank Notes.

Hankow, June 23.
The Nationalist "People's Tribune" states that the half-yearly interest on the debentures issued by the British Municipal Council will be paid on June 30 in Central Bank notes which at present stand at a discount of forty per cent.

A new issue of locally printed currency notes appeared in circulation yesterday.—Reuter.

"PREPOSTEROUS."

AN EMBEZZLER'S LAME
EXCUSE.

Convicted of embezzling \$86.25 the property of his employer, a firewood merchant, a Chinese, was this morning sentenced by Mr. R. E. Lindell to six weeks' jail. The embezzlement was said to have covered a period from April 27 to June 20. Accused's excuse was that his wages of \$20 were insufficient, and as his employer had promised him a commission on all goods, he took the percentage on his own without consulting the master of the shop. In passing sentence the Magistrate remarked that it was preposterous for the accused to suggest that although his wages were \$20 he should be entitled to commission amounting to nearly \$100 in two months.

OATH AND DAIL.

De Valera Makes More
Trouble.

EXCITEMENT IN DUBLIN.

London, June 23.
In view of the elected De Valera supporters' intention to appear in Dublin in strength to claim their seats without taking the oath, the city has been feverishly excited in anticipation of the opening of the D. B.

The streets are thronged. Civic Guards have been posted in the vicinity of Parliament and the neighbouring streets have been closed to traffic.

The De Valera members arrived in motor cars inscribed "abolish the oath." Up to the present there has been no disorder. On the contrary the crowds cheered the spectacle of the leaders of the opposing political forces proceeding to attend votive mass in the Catholic church where Archbishop O'Brien officiated before a vast congregation.—Reuter.

Later.
The De Valera members were not allowed to enter the Dail Chamber. They vigorously pro-



EMMON DE VALERA

tested against their exclusion and finally left Parliament House.

Meanwhile the Dail by 68 to 22 votes re-elected Mr. Cosgrave President of the Dail, the Labour members alone opposing this choice.—Reuter.

First Since Election.

Rugby, June 23.
The Irish Free State House of Representatives, the Dail Eireann, met to-day for the first time since the recent general election. Mr. Cosgrave was re-elected President.—British Wireless Service.

Back With Money.
Writing in mail week, the Dublin correspondent of a London paper said: "The political prospects in the Free State are greatly improved by the rumours that Mr. De Valera has come back from the United States with large sums of money, which he will devote to his election cam-



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paign. Mr. De Valera is still a factor in Irish politics, and the fact that he is putting forward at least 100 candidates at the coming election is a tribute to his dogged determination.

His recent visit to the United States was for the purpose of appearing as a witness in the Dail Bonds case, but he took the opportunity of making a political pilgrimage. In the course of his tour he collected large sums of money for his political campaign, but the statement that he has returned with \$250,000 is greatly exaggerated.

His new party, Fianna Fail (the party of destiny) has fairly substantial funds in its possession, even without the American subscriptions. The Republicans have 47 seats in the Dail, only one of

ARCOS RAID.

Unwanted Russians Sent
Home.

SIFTING THE REMAINDER.

London, June 23.
In the House of Commons, replying to questions with regard to Russians connected with the Soviet Legation Trade Delegation and Arcos House still remaining in England, Sir William Joynson Hicks, Home Secretary, said that all 31 members of the Legation had gone except one who had been warned to leave.

Out of 63 members of the Trade Delegation 41 had gone, six had received final notice to go and six had not yet been finally disposed of.

Out of 350 Russians employed by Arcos House and other trade organisations with whose legitimate business activity the Government aimed to interfere as little as possible, 48 had left or were leaving.

The cases of the remainder were being examined individually as rapidly as possible.

Any of them attempting to engage in political activity would be immediately deported.—Reuter.

ORDER TO LEAVE.

Some Go Readily: Others Not
So Keen.

Rugby, June 23.
Of the Soviet Mission all except one had left England, and he had been warned to go. Forty-one of the 53 Russians on the staff of the Trade Delegation had gone, six had received notice to go and the remaining six had not yet been finally disposed of.

Distinct from those two classes were Soviet citizens numbering 350 employed in Arcos and other trading organisations, with whose legitimate business activities it was the aim of the British Government to interfere as little as possible.

A Regard for Trade.
Forty-eight had left, or were about to leave, some voluntarily, and others as a result of special instructions.

Of the remainder many who were residents here before the Trade Agreement was concluded were being examined individually.

This examination must take time, as the risk of doing damage to legitimate trade interests by hasty action was to be avoided, but it would be pressed forward as rapidly as possible.

Any attempt on the part of Soviet citizens to engage in political activity under the guise of trade would not be tolerated. Deportation orders under the Aliens Act would only be made if required to enforce departure in any particular case.—British Wireless Service.

Arrests in Athens.

Athens, June 23.
Kavandas now says the plot was intended against the Italian Legation, not the British.—Reuter.

[Yesterday's cables stated:—A Communist plot to bomb the British Legation was told to the authorities by a Communist tailor named Kavandas, who gave the address of two Communists alleged to have been involved. The police searched the house and found nothing, but five dynamite cartridges were discovered in Kavandas' lodging. The informer and the two men denounced were arrested.]

WEATHER FORECAST.

"South west or variable winds, light; fair" is the official weather forecast for the next 24 hours for Hong Kong, the Formosa Channel and the nearby coast.

Pressure has increased considerably at Nemo, moderately from Chefoo to N. Formosa and slightly over Kwangtung and the Visayas. It has decreased slightly over S.W. Japan and at Oshima.

The Ishikari depression has moved rapidly eastward towards the Bonins.

The Chefoo depression is moving towards Vladivostok.

which has been occupied. Mr. De Valera and his friends will not take the oath of allegiance to the King, but he has announced that if his party gains a majority, a contingency that is by no means so fantastic as it seems, he will insist on entering the Dail without taking any oath.

STOLEN PETROL.

Soviet's Shady Business
Tricks.

ROYAL DUTCH CO. ROBBED.

Amsterdam, June 23.
At the annual meeting of the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company, the Chairman, Sir Henri Deterding, replying to a question, deprecated apprehension with regard to the German dye industry's experiments in the manufacture of synthetic fuel.

He pointed out that since synthetic spirit in Germany was only a very small percentage of the whole production.

Replying to a question with regard to overproduction of oil, to which the recent annual report of the Standard Oil Company of New Jersey referred, Sir Henri Deterding said that compulsory limitation of production in America was impossible owing to the anti-trust legislation.

With regard to Russian competition, the Chairman declared that the Soviets might sell cheap petrol but they had stolen it from the Royal Dutch Petroleum Company.—Reuter.

Patriotism First.

There is a strong and growing feeling among patriotic British motorists on the question of the sale in this country of Russian petrol, said a motoring correspondent of the "Daily Mail" in mail week.

Huge supplies are now arriving from oil fields in Russia which once belonged to British investors but were confiscated by the Soviet Government without compensation—in other words, stolen.

The average motorist has no desire to fill his tank with stolen spirit. But there is this difficulty—Russian petrol is now sold under so many different names that the motorist cannot be sure what is and what is not stolen petrol.

In addition to the petrol distributed by Russian Oil Products, Ltd., sometimes merely described in advertisements as R.O.P., which is generally known to be a Soviet enterprise, there are numerous other firms distributing petrol from the same tainted source.

Motorists' Question.
In some cases even the retailer is not certain if the brand of petrol he sells is of Russian origin. Perhaps he is not always too anxious to probe into the problem. Motorists are, however, beginning to inquire into matters themselves, especially women, who are usually more careful in buying than men.

"Is this petrol Russian?" This is a question which retailers are often asked. Sometimes the dealer selling an obscure brand has to confess that he does not know. But the majority of filling stations refuse to handle petrol from doubtful sources, in spite of the inducements of agents representing the distributors of the stolen article.

FRENCH BANK.

HEARING OF APPEAL IN
PARIS.

CREDITORS NOT AFFECTED.

Paris, June 23.
The court of Cassation to-day began hearing the final appeal in the case of the Banque Industrielle de Chine.

The court heard the report to the court by counsel and adjourned examination of the appeal until to-morrow.—Reuter.

The appeal is not concerned with the directed affairs of the Bank in so far as creditors are concerned by the scheme of composition by which Gold Bonds were issued was approved and put into effect some time ago. The appeal concerns the alleged negligence of M. Berthelot and M. Pernottee, respectively, President of the Board and General Manager of the Bank who were held to be partly responsible for the failure of the Bank and were fined 35,000 Francs. They have twice appealed against this decision.

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Marble Top Round Tables, Dining
Chairs, Sideboards with Bevelled
Mirrors, Dinner Wagon, Glass
Ware, Crockery, Cooking Utensils,
Ice Chests, etc., etc.

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Bedsteads, Teak Wardrobes with
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Tables, Camphorwood, and Teak
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NOTICES.

NOTICE OF REMOVAL.

ON MONDAY, 27th June, 1927,
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(CHINA) LTD. will be Removed to
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The charge for admission to the
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Soldiers and Sailors in uniform
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Members' Enclosure, tickets for
whom can be obtained from Messrs.
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Friday, 24th June, 1927.

The charge for admission for
Ladies to the Members' Enclosure
will be \$2. Each member can
obtain, upon application to the
Secretary, Badges for admission of
2 Ladies free of charge.

Hong Kong, 17th June, 1927.

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF HONG KONG.

COMPANIES WINDING UP
NO. 3 OF 1926.

In The Matter of the Companies
Ordinances 1911-1925
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THE RUSSO-ASIATIC BANK.

NOTICE OF DIVIDEND.

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to the Official Receiver, Supreme
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ter, and are also required by their
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VOLUNTEER ORDERS FOR THE WEEK.

RECRUITS PARADES.

Reference Corps Order No. 1 of
last week all recruits who have not
passed musketry tests Nos. 1 to 4
will parade for musketry instruction
at Volunteer Headquarters at
5.30 p.m. on Tuesday. Dress:
muff.

Engineer Co.
Spoon shoot under handicap on
miniature range at 5.30 p.m. on
Wednesday, June 29, 1927. Mini-
ature range also allotted on July 13.

Mounted Infantry.
All ranks will parade at stables
on Thursday, June 30, at 5.30 p.m.
Dress: muff.

Armoured Car Co.
Machine gunners will parade at
Volunteer Headquarters on Mon-
day, June 27, 5.30 p.m. for machine
gun instruction.

Motor cycle section will parade
at Volunteer Headquarters on Mon-
day, June 27, at 5.30 p.m. for
machine gun instruction, under
2/Lieut. J. E. Hancock.

Infantry Company.
On Friday, July 8, at 5.30 p.m.
All N.C.O.'s and other ranks as de-
tailed by O.C. Company will parade
at Volunteer Headquarters at 5.30
p.m. for a special N.C.O.'s course
of training in Vickers gun.

Scottish Company.
Special machine gun class as
already detailed in previous orders
will assemble at Volunteer Head-
quarters at 5.30 p.m. on Tuesday,
June 28, 1927.

Thursday, June 30, at 5.30 p.m.
Vickers gun instruction at pla-
toon headquarters.

Parades: No parades will be held
during the months of July and
August. Platoons are at the dis-
posal of their commanders who may
hold such parades as they consider
fit. Attendances at these parades
will count towards a man's effi-
ciency in the Corps, but will not
count as points in the Taikoo Cup
competition.

No. 4 Platoon.
All ranks will parade at Volun-
teer Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Monday, June 27, and Thursday,
June 30, for musketry instruction.
Dress: muff.

Portuguese Co.
The Company will parade at
Corps Headquarters at 5.30 p.m. on
Friday, June 24, for Lewis gun
instruction. Overalls to be drawn
from store.

Musketry: Sunday, June 26, at
Peak range by those specially de-
tailed by C.S.M. Rodrigues. Firing
commence at 9 a.m. Last car up
8.30 a.m. Rendezvous at Peak ter-
minus. Dress: muff, belt, braces,
pouches and frog.

Rifles and Bayonets to be drawn
from Corps headquarters on Fri-
day, June 26.

Holiday.
Friday, July 1, 1927, will be ob-
served as a holiday, no parades will
be held on that day.

Orders for next week will be
published on Thursday, June 30,
instead of Friday, July 1.

Rifles and Bayonets.
Those members of the Corps now
in possession of rifles and bayonets
must return them to Volunteer
Store immediately for inspection by
the armourer.

Strength.
The following are taken on the
strength and posted as under:—
No. 1260 Gunner J. C. Reed, Artillery
Co., dated June 16, 1927.
No. 1261 Gunner H. F. Sullivan,
Artillery Co., dated June 16,
1927.

Appointments.
No. 1113 Pte. L. Raptis, and No.
1019 Pte. G. E. Bell, No. 4 Platoon,
are appointed Lance-Corporals, as
from June 21, 1927.

Long Service Medal.
H.E. the Governor has awarded
the Colonial Auxiliary Forces Long
Service Medal to No. 176 Pte. M.
Manuk, of the Reserve Company,
H.K.V.D.C., on June 13, 1927.

Struck Off.
The following are struck off the
strength:—
No. 1069 Pte. F. E. Jones, No. 1
Platoon, as from May 4,
1927.

No. 899 L.-Cpl. A. J. Raptis, No.
4 Platoon, as from June 21,
1927.

No. 954 L.-Cpl. C. Mahr, No. 4
Platoon, as from June 21,
1927.

No. 1133 Pte. D. P. Xavier, No. 9
Platoon, as from June 17,
1927.

Leave.
The following are granted leave
of absence from the Corps:—
No. 658 Pte. A. Allison, Reserve
Co., from June 16 to Decem-
ber 15, 1927.

No. 26 Pte. J. L. McPherson, Re-
serve Co., from June 24,
to July 2, 1927.
No. 689 Pte. W. Ironside, Reserve
Co., from June 16 to June 29,
1927.

No. 579 R. W. Stoddart, Reserve
Co., from June 17 to June 23,
1927.
No. 891 Pte. R. F. Forbes, Re-
serve Co., from June 18 to
June 30, 1927.
No. 1044 Pte. E. T. S. Zimmerman,
A. C. Co., from June 25, 1927,
to January 31, 1928.

NOTICE.

A demonstration in conveying
wounded by motor car will be given
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All ranks who are interested
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In various of the ports and cities where foreigners once held an amount of sway feelings of antagonism amongst the Chinese have again broken out. Read about the trouble in Amoy, in Foochow, and in Canton, where the dissolved Chinese Seamen's Union officials are still trying to stir up strife. All details in the "Overland."

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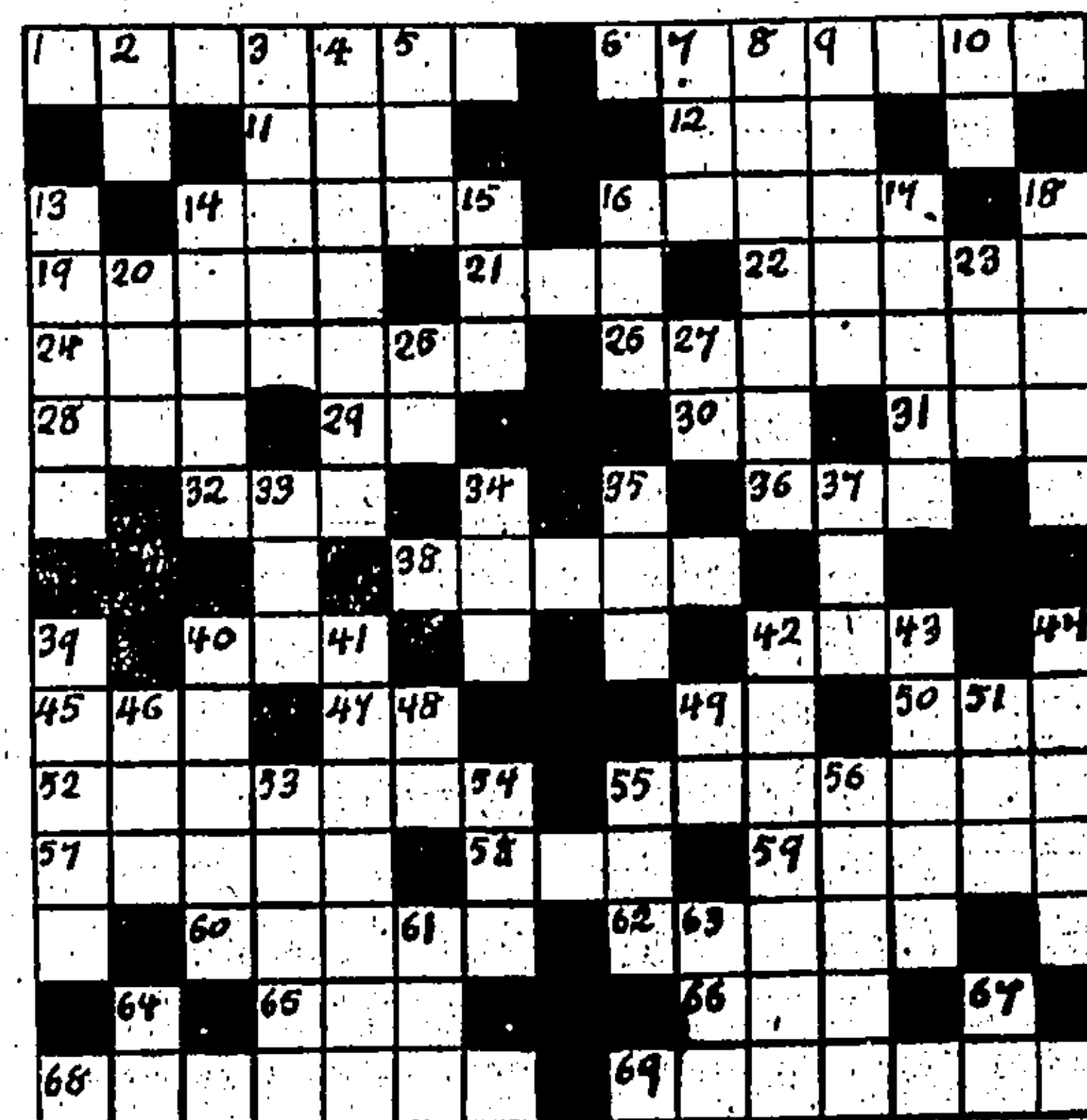
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Across.

1. To designate with an obelus.
2. Near.
3. Alliance.
4. A remedy for the jaundice.
5. Indian corn.
6. A small lake.
7. A pan for holding coals.
8. Rushes.
9. Second note of the diatonic scale.
10. A little isle.
11. The buttocks.
12. L. I. L. (Actual).
13. To look round.
14. Objects of interest and curiosity.
15. Consider.
16. To provoke.
17. V. M. O. (Actual).
18. The indefinite article.
19. In progression.
20. The higher part of the scale.
21. Compass point.
22. Beverage.
23. Period.
24. To make mention.
25. Genus of succulent plants (plural).
26. To emasculate.
27. Result.
28. A tool used in tillage to break down the land (plural).
29. To administer extreme unction to.
30. Yarn for the warp.
31. Relation of some state or condition.
32. Myself.
33. Give name.
34. A feat.
35. In addition.
36. To forbear.
37. The three Fates; Past, Present, Future.
38. No.
39. R. C. N. (Actual).
40. Prefix meaning "not."
41. Compass point.

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Accused pleaded guilty and was sentenced to one month's hard labour, the magistrate ordering that his living expenses whilst in prison should be borne by himself up to a maximum of £2.

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In the Marine Court this morning, before Lt. Comdr. R. F. Hole, R.N., the master of a fishing boat was fined \$10 for using bright lights at Yumati Bay.

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Returns prepared by the Chamber of Shipping show that on April 1 there were laid up idle in Great Britain and Ireland 168 vessels, of 239,681 tons. These figures represent a decrease of 125,198 tons net, as compared with January 1 last, and of 120,167 tons net, or 33.39 per cent., as compared with April 1 of last year. The last two quarterly sets of figures, together with those for the four quarterly dates of last year, are as follows:-

Date.	Number of vessels.	Net tonnage.
April 1 1926	168	239,681
January 1 1926	230	364,874
October 1 1926	311	371,057
July 1 1926	518	859,739
April 1 1927	248	359,843
January 1 1927	269	407,664

As compared with the figures for January 1 last the total tonnage unemployed in England and Wales declined from 312,482 tons net to 188,877 tons net on April 1. The ports showing the largest decrease were Liverpool with a reduction of 70,000 tons net, "Falmouth" with a decline of 17,700 tons net, and "Sunderland" with a fall of 11,000 tons net.

On the other hand, an increase is shown for Newcastle of 7,000 tons net. The total for the whole of the Scottish ports represents an increase of 7,000 tons net. An increase of 6,000 tons is recorded at Leith and of 3,000 tons net at Glasgow.

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COXSAIN CAUTIONED.

At a departmental enquiry held at the Harbour Office, the coxswain of a steam launch conveying a bathing party from St. Joseph's College, was cautioned by the Harbour Master for anchoring in the cable area in Telegraph Bay.

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TAWAU	Arrival	...	Friday	"	1 5 a.m.
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RAWALPINDI	8,619	22nd July	Shanghai, Kobe & Yokohama
DEVANHA	8,155	3rd Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
TANDA	6,956	9th Aug.	Moji, Kobe, Osaka & Yokohama
MOREA	10,953	19th Aug.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
KHIVA	9,135	2nd Sept.	Shanghai, Moji, Kobe & Yokohama
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"Yu Sang" (1,122) British, from Tientsin, Shanghai.—Jardine's—12 passengers, 1,430 tons general cargo for Hong Kong 615 tons general (through).

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"Hal Yen" (910) Chinese, from Haiphong, Pakhoi.—Sing Kee—1,500 tons general cargo for Hong Kong.

Departures.
For Saigon.—Prominent.
For Ma Low Chow.—Hoi Wing.
For Shanghai.—Macedonia, Patroclus.

For Singapore.—Van Hentz.
For Hongkong.—Indus Maru, Les Lis De Paul Doumer.

For Kwong Chow Wan.—Taise-mu, Poo-sang.

For Moji.—Seattle Maru.

For Kobe.—Leg Vegas.

For Amoy.—Tak Hing.

For Macassar.—Tijalak.

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HOURS AT SEA.

THREE WATCH SYSTEM ADOPTED.

Limitation of working hours on board ships is to be one of the principal subjects on the programme of the annual congress of the International Association of Merchant Marine Officers to be held in Paris this month.

The aim of the international organization, as outlined in a communication to the Neptune Association, New York, is to have legislation passed in all maritime nations establishing the eight-hour day and 48-hour week for men employed on board ships, with a limit of two hours a day or 14 hours a week on overtime.

Other items of the policy adopted by the organization are:—Establishment of the three-watch system in the deck department on all vessels making voyages of more than three days' duration in either coastwise or overseas trades, with a minimum for each watch of one officer, two able-bodied seamen and one ordinary seaman; for the engine department three watches also would be required, with at least two men always on duty.

It is conceded that the limits of watches and working hours may be varied at the discretion of the captain in times of emergency or in case of illness of members of the crew which would leave the vessel short-handed if the regular limitations were adhered to.

Strict enforcement of measures for the protection of the health of ship crews, such as the provision of proper sleeping quarters and observation of the ordinary requirements of hygiene is included in the policy. Sickness and accident insurance for men on shipboard also is to be advocated.

A report has been prepared by a special committee of the international organization on the subject of protection of seafaring men. This covers a study of safety devices and medicinal protection against disease. The recommendations of this committee are to be embodied in the general policy which is based chiefly on the findings of the labour experts of the League of Nations.

The special committee is now engaged in making an examination and study of new safety devices, including radio installations, direction and distance finders, submarine signals and depth finders.

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It is officially stated that the Board has taken this action "with a view of obtaining the advantages of greater speed, wider cruising radius, and larger cargo space than is possible in the case of steam-driven ships." The speed of the motor-vessels will be from 1½ to 18/10 knots faster than the steamers which are being converted. Three important contracts have been entered into in connection with the installation of Diesel engines, the vessels concerned being the last three of the first group of ships selected for conversion.

These ships are: (1) "Yama-chichi," which is to have its Diesel engine installed at a cost of \$400,000 by the Newport News Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company; (2) "West Gamma," by the Bethlehem Shipbuilding and Dry Dock Company for \$410,000; and (3) "Seminole," the installation to be made by the Todd Shipyard's Corporation at a cost of \$436,000. It is understood that, when the fleet of twenty-five motor ships is ready, they will be assigned to the long-voyage trades to South America, to Australia, and to India.

This conversion programme of the Shipping Board has been generally criticised on account of its admittedly high cost, but the Board feels that, by the award of its contracts for Diesel engines and for their installation by American shipyards, it is encouraging the development of the Diesel engine-building industry in the United States, and is giving the shipyards invaluable experience.

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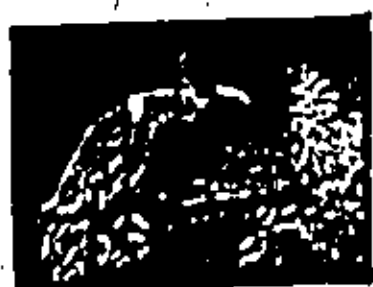
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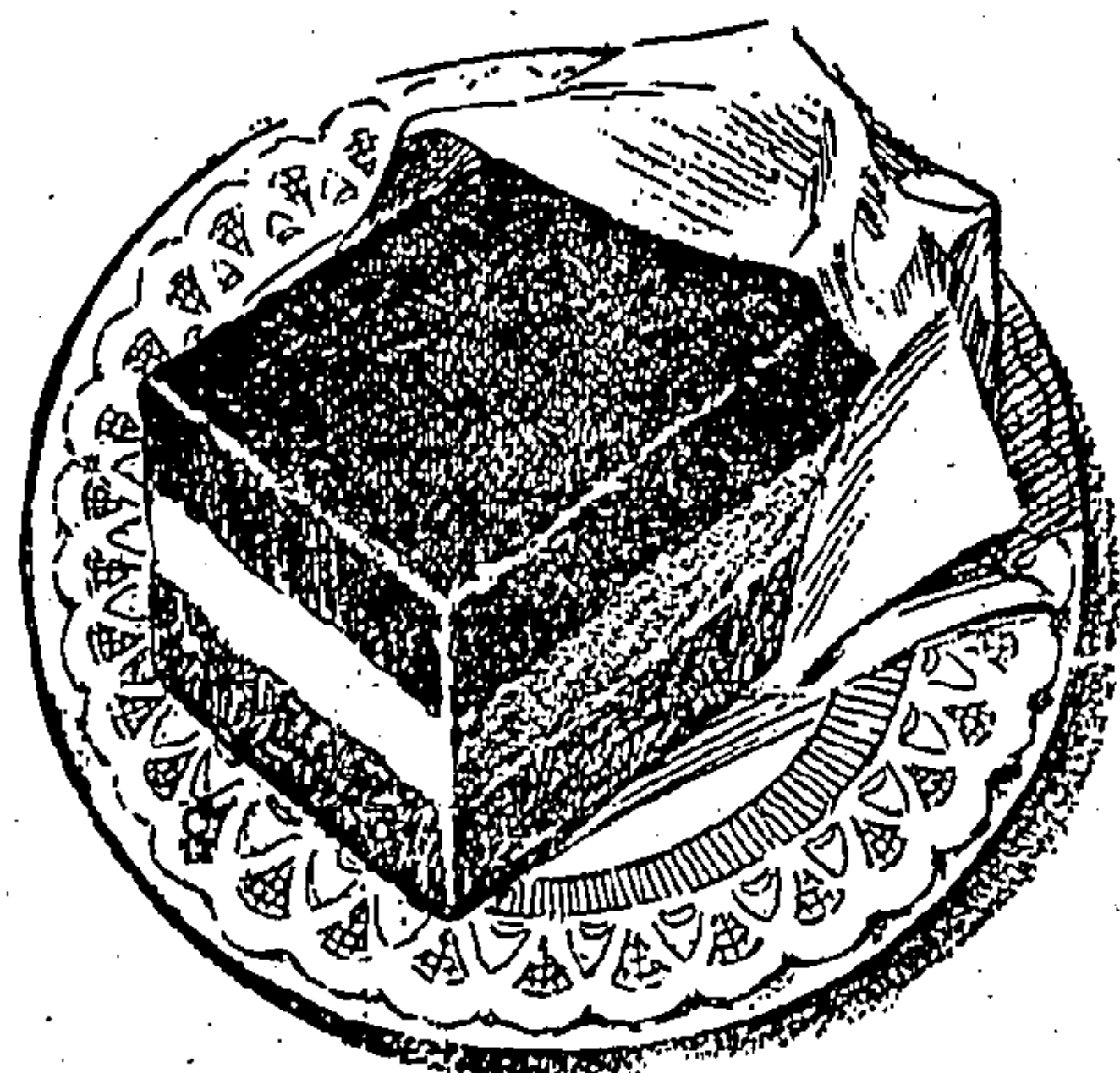
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PUBLIC FINANCE.

The statement made in the Legislative Council yesterday by the Colonial Secretary regarding the Colony's finances will give general satisfaction. The Hon. Mr. Southern, it is true, was not able to announce that the Colony is yet out of the woods, but he was able to assure us that our position is sound. The outlook to-day is more hopeful than it has been for a long time past, and if we husband our resources carefully we can look forward to the future with the utmost confidence. This satisfactory position has been reached, however, only with the greatest financial vigilance, and Mr. Southern warns us that the most careful economy is still essential, and will be essential for a year, or two more, if we are to avoid the necessity for increased taxation. As it is Mr. Southern's figures make it clear that we should already be shouldering extra financial burdens but for the Government's decision to follow the policy of raising loans for certain public works laid down by Sir Edward Stubbs in his Budget speech three years ago. The items for which the Government proposes to raise loans are the whole cost of the Shing Mun Water Scheme, the cost of purchasing the site of the old Diocesan Boys' School, the cost of harbour dredging and the Colony's share of the cost of the Kai Tak Aerodrome. Besides saying the taxpayer from much heavy expenditure, this loan will result in bringing him a windfall to the tune of nearly \$2,000,000, the sum expended on the water scheme prior to December 31 last, which will now be credited to the Colony's revenue. All these items come under the terms of the policy laid down in the Budget of three years ago. As Sir Edward Stubbs himself explained it, that policy was to press forward development works with all speed, even if this entailed a deficit for the year, each year the deficit to be met from our cash balances, care being taken, of course, not to deplete these beyond a point—Sir Edward Stubbs suggested \$5,000,000—where any sudden call could dislocate our finances. Once the high cash balances we had so far enjoyed had been reduced in this way, the time would have

come to seek elsewhere for the money to finance certain desirable or essential development works, such financing to be done by way of loans—short term loans for development works which would, when completed, pay for themselves and possibly yield a profit; long term loans for development works which would not bring any appreciable return but which would prove of equal, if not of greater value to future generations. This policy was received with considerable favour at the time because it promised the Colony immunity from increased taxation—even if the opium sales should cease to figure in the revenue returns—and it meant also that posterity would carry the burden of expenditure designed chiefly to benefit posterity. Sir Edward Stubbs enunciated his policy at a time when the Colony was free from all thought of strike or boycott. That these two disturbances should have had so little effect on the soundness of our financial position reflects the greatest credit on our administrators. The public, while feeling grateful for this care and foresight, will cordially approve the decision to act upon the policy of raising loans, not so much because it will avoid increased taxation (though that, of course, is a big factor) as because it will still further strengthen the soundness of our financial position, which, without question, is a general asset not to be valued in terms of dollars and cents.

South Africa's Flag.
According to a Reuter cable published to-day, the South African Flag Bill has passed its third reading, which means that General Hertzog and his Government have so far succeeded in supplanting the Union Jack, or a flag embodying the Union Jack, as the national emblem of the Union. The flag favoured by the Government takes the design of a deep red cross, edged with white, and four quarters of green, though it has been conceded that the Union Jack may be flown on special official days of the year. This determination of the Government to foist a flag of entirely new design on the Union is opposed by the majority of the white population of South Africa, and has already led to the display of a certain amount of racial feeling. "We have waited 17 years for this" was a significant utterance of General Hertzog when the Bill was undergoing its second reading, a remark regretfully illustrating that old hatreds die hard and that all is not well with South Africa racially. The South African flag issue, however, is purely a domestic one. The outcome of the squabble will undoubtedly be felt throughout the British Empire, but it is a matter in which the Home Government, at this stage, cannot interfere. It certainly would not be politic to do so. We can only say it is very unfortunate for South Africa that it should be threatened with the raging and tearing controversy which is likely to attend all the further expected stages of this miserable affair. Now that the Bill has passed the Assembly, it has to go before the Senate, which will probably reject the measure. Then there will be a joint session of the two Houses, and then the final referendum which General Hertzog promised last year. Truly a sad business, for which the Government must accept at least some of the blame, as they have insisted in again raising the issue of a national flag at a time when the country is tossing on the stormy seas of passion, mistrust and racial suspicion.

COLONY'S LOAN.

DEFRAYING COST OF BIG SCHEMES.

PROPOSED AERODROME.

References to the financial position of the Colony to date were made in the Legislative Council yesterday by the Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern Colonial Secretary, after his review of last year's position as seen in the light of further supplementary votes. The Colony's balances, he indicated, would no longer permit of expenditure from Revenue on the Shing Mun Scheme for supplying the peninsula with water and in due course it was proposed to raise a loan to which the cost of the whole scheme would be charged. To this loan would also be charged the cost of purchasing the site of the old Diocesan Boys' School, the cost of the Harbour dredging and the Colony's share of the cost of the Kai Tak Aerodrome.

Hopes for Future.

Revenue up to date had come in slowly, said Mr. Southern and at the end of the twenty-third week of this year, with nearly half a year gone, they were \$400,000 short of Estimates. Should this continue throughout the year they would find their deficit increased by some nine lakhs, but there was, however, reason to believe that revenue would improve in the latter half of the year and that death duties alone would wipe out a large part of the deficit. The Colony's financial position, said the Colonial Secretary, was sound, but the most careful economy was essential and would be essential for a year or two more if the necessity for increased taxation was to be avoided. The outlook to-day was, however, more hopeful than it had been for a long time and if resources were husbanded they could look forward to the future with the utmost confidence.

Closing 1926 Accounts.

At the outset of his speech, the Colonial Secretary said:—I rise to move the motion standing in my name, viz., the first reading of a Bill to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of \$1,083,892.42 to defray the Charges of the year 1926.

The details of all items have been very fully supplied to Honourable Members in Finance Committee from time to time, and it is I think, unnecessary to weary you with long explanations now. The reasons for the excesses will be found in the Draft Appropriation account and in the Treasurer's report of the Finances of the year 1926, copies of which have been furnished to every member.

The items for which legislative sanction is now sought are those which could not be met from already sanctioned votes. Many of the items, particularly those for the Royal Observatory, Fire Brigade and Kowloon-Canton Railway are due to outstanding 1925 accounts which could not be paid till 1926. The largest item is \$623,116.80 for the Public Works Recurrent vote. Items charged to this vote in excess of the Estimates amounted to \$767,929 of which \$744,810 represents excesses on the vote for Typhoon and Rainstorm damage.

Rainstorm Legacy.

Almost the whole of this amount was due to the great storm of July 19 last, and as Honourable Members are aware there are several lakhs of additional expenditure on this account which are being charged to the 1927 votes. There were savings, mostly small, on most of the subheads of this vote, amounting in all to \$144,812 leaving a net deficit of the amount appearing in the Bill. The increase in the vote for the Kowloon-Canton Railway is more than accounted for by the necessity of paying in 1926 for the new carriages for which it was intended to pay in 1925. Apart from this the savings were far more than adequate to cover the cost of reopening the Fanning Branch. The increase on the Charitable Services vote represents almost entirely the special Grant to the Little Sisters of the Poor.

Emergency Expenditure.

The increase in the Miscellaneous Services vote is due mostly to the Emergency Expenditure connected with the strike and boycott with the need for which members have been made acquainted in Finance Committee from time to time. Increased rent of Public Telephones, against which must be set the increased royalty, the vote to close the accounts of the British Empire Exhibition, and the increase in cost of transport, account for practically the whole of the balance of the increase on this vote.

Three main items alone which could not have been foreseen, viz., typhoon damages, the payment of the 1925 account for railway carriages and the Emergency Expenditure account for almost the whole amount asked for in the Bill.

What Accounts Reveal.

More interesting, perhaps, than the details to which I have re-

ferred will be a brief review of the position as disclosed by the final accounts for 1926 and a reference to its bearing on the current estimates and on those which will be presented to you a few months hence.

When the Budget for 1926 was framed shortly after the beginning of the boycott, the Revenue was estimated at \$21,367,743, and expenditure at \$23,790,616, a deficit of \$2,422,872, to meet which we actually had at the end of 1926 a surplus balance of \$8,113,482. When I introduced the 1927 Budget last October the state of affairs was such that we did not feel justified in estimating our 1926 revenue at more than \$19,486,657.

A Decided Improvement.

The figures now laid before you, which disclose a revenue of \$21,131,682, show a decided improvement on our revised estimate but it must be remembered that the difference is more than accounted for by the two fortuitous items of Profits on Exchange and profits on the sale of investments, which have been transferred to Revenue account from our Balance to meet the views of the Accountant and Auditor General. This is an adjustment covering several years and we cannot reckon on these as normal sources of income. The deficits shown on page 2 of the Treasurer's report for 1926 are a sufficient justification for our caution.

Turning to expenditure, the original estimate was \$23,790,616. Our revised estimate (see Hansard for 1926, page 60) was \$24,857,786. The actual expenditure was \$23,524,716, being, in spite of the supplementary votes in the Bill now before you, \$265,899 less than the original estimate.

Departmental Savings.

For the full details of the savings I would refer Honourable Members to the Treasurer's report and the draft Appropriation account. My thanks are due to Heads of Departments for the care taken to restrict expenditure with the amounts voted; the sum of the small savings so effected is considerable. Of the larger departmental savings a few items, e.g., under Police Department and Medical Department, have to be carried forward to 1927 accounts owing to late delivery of stores; some are due to postponed works e.g. Refuse barge for Sanitary Department.

Rainstorm Damage Met.

Public Works Extraordinary requires special mention. There was an under expenditure on the original vote of 1925 of no less than \$1,746,195, full details of which will be found in the papers in Honourable Members' hands. It was necessary for us to restrict Public Works Extraordinary to essential works and to works to which the Government was committed, and it was well that we did so, for, as Honourable Members will remember, we were suddenly faced with an unexpected call for \$1,000,000 for the rainstorm damages. Some of the under expenditure represents savings on the estimates, some represents only payments deferred, some works postponed, some works for the present abandoned, and awaiting better times for the resumption of a forward policy. Against this under expenditure we had an over expenditure on other items of \$1,477,695 the net result being that the Department spent on Public Works Extraordinary only \$268,499 less than its original total estimate. \$2,393,134 Deficit.

The year's working resulted in a deficit of \$2,393,134 against an estimated deficit when the Budget was introduced of \$2,422,872 and a revised estimated deficit of \$5,371,129, the difference being accounted for by the unexpected and somewhat fictitious increase in revenue account already referred to, by the delay in the completion of some of the public works for which funds had been provided, and by unexpected savings on certain votes e.g. \$200,000 on the sinking fund vote.

The financial position of the Colony at the opening of 1927 was therefore rather better than we anticipated when we framed our Budget for the current year. We estimated our surplus of assets over liabilities at \$2,742,853. We actually had a surplus of \$3,486,290, of which a sum of not more than \$1,400,000 can be regarded as liquid assets realisable for the balancing of a deficit.

Raising a Loan.

We budgeted this year for a deficit of \$1,307,805 exclusive of the expenditure on the Shing Mun Water scheme. As our balances no longer permit us to finance the Shing Mun Scheme from Revenue, the Government proposes in due course to raise a loan to which it is proposed to charge the whole cost of the Shing Mun Water Scheme. To it will also be charged the cost of purchasing the site of the old Diocesan Boys' School, the cost of the Harbour

GUARDING REVENUE

KEEPING NEW TAXES A SECRET.

NEW BILL 1ST READING.

In moving at the Legislative Council meeting yesterday, the first reading of an Ordinance to protect the Revenue of the Colony, the Attorney-General, Sir Joseph Kemp, K.C. said that the Bill might with considerable appropriateness be called a Bill to protect the community against the activities of individuals who would otherwise be able to avoid paying duties they were intended to under the legislation.

Such avoidance of payment might in certain cases be perfectly legal, and justifiable from the point of view of the person who avoided payment, said the Attorney-General, but it was undesirable from the point of view of the community, and none the less undesirable because there was no means of ensuring that the duties or taxes avoided would be avoided for the benefit of the consumer.

The benefit of such avoidance, continued the Attorney-General, might be taken entirely by the importer, though of course one knew of many cases where importers gave consumers the benefit of higher exchange or of lower duties.

Helping the Public.

It seemed to be thought by some people that the present Bill was an abridgement of the rights of the public in some way. On the contrary, it was the speaker's contention that it was an enlargement of the opportunities of the public for the proper discussion of the proposals to increase duties and taxes.

At present, it was essential that any proposal to increase such taxes should be introduced suddenly and without any previous publicity, otherwise, of course, importers might clear stocks in bond and so avoid payment of the increased duties. The result was that when the proposal came before Council, everyone felt that the matter must be disposed of immediately, and there was a temptation to give the matter less careful consideration than if ample time had been available.

The proposal of the Bill was that when any scheme of increased duties was to be put forward, the Governor could bring the increased duties into operation at once. Such order of the Governor was not permanent, but provisional and temporary, and before it ceased to have effect there was ample time for full discussion amongst the community, the Press and in the Council of the new proposals.

If the proposals were adopted, the new duties remained in force, if they were not then the former position was restored and any duty paid in excess would be refunded. The Ordinance was suggested in October last, said the Attorney-General in conclusion, at a time when the liquor duties were raised but it had now been made more general to include all forms of revenue.

The Bill was read a first time.

dredging and the Colony's share of the cost of the Kai Tak Aerodrome. From this loan a sum of \$1,916,406 expended on the water scheme prior to December 31 last will be credited to revenue as foreshadowed by Sir R. E. Stubbs in 1925, increasing our total balances at December 31, 1926, to \$5,402,696 and our liquid assets to meet a deficit on 1927 working to about \$3,316,000.

Prospects For Future.

It remains to be seen how the Estimates for this year will turn out. Our expenditure we hope by rigid economy and in the absence of any cataclysm of nature to keep within the total amount voted, viz. \$22,814,702 as although various items of supplementary supply have been found necessary, there are inevitable savings due to lapsing salaries and under expended votes which will go far to meet them.

Revenue up to date has come in slowly and we were at the end of our 23rd week, with nearly half the year gone, about \$400,000 short of our Estimates, and should this continue throughout the year should find our deficit increased by some nine lakhs. There is, however, reason to believe that revenue will improve in the latter half of the year and that death duties alone will wipe out a large part of the deficit.

Colony's Position Sound.

The Colony's financial position, Sir, is sound, but the most careful economy is essential and will be essential for a year or two more if we are to avoid the necessity for increased taxation. The outlook to-day is more hopeful than it has been for a long time past and if we husband our resources carefully, we can look forward to the future with the utmost confidence.

I now formally move the first reading of an Ordinance to authorise the Appropriation of a Supplementary Sum of One million and eighty-three thousand eight hundred and ninety-two Dollars and forty-two Cents to defray the Charges of the year 1926.

MISSING \$1,000.

A PRETTY STORY BY TWO ROGUES.

SWINDLING THEIR EMPLOYER.

Two folks of a Chinese firm in Bonham Strand East were this morning charged before Major G. Willson with larceny by baillies of \$1,000 belonging to their employer, and alternately, with conspiring to defraud.

Both accused claimed that they had been swindled by confidence tricksters.

According to Sub-Inspector Andrews, who prosecuted, two days ago the manager of the firm entrusted the two accused with \$5,000 to pay two bills, one of \$2,000 and the other of \$3,000. The accused paid the \$2,000 bill, and then returned to the master with \$2,000 of the remaining \$3,000, and said that they had been robbed of the other \$1,000. The master handed them over to the police. At the police station the accused said that after paying the first bill they went to a tea-house for some refreshments. There they met two men who suggested that they should keep \$1,000 of the money and return to the shop and tell their master that they were unable to pay the second bill because two of the \$500 notes given to them were forged. The strangers undertook to procure the forged notes for the accused if they agreed to share the \$1,000 with them. The bargain was struck and the accused alleged that they foolishly entrusted the two strangers with \$1,000 of their master's money. The two men promised to return with the forged notes, but they never seen again. After waiting a long time the two folks returned to the shop with the story that they had been robbed of \$1,000.

After evidence, both accused were convicted on the first charge only, and given four months' jail each.

MOTOR ACCIDENTS.

CARS COLLIDE IN GARDEN ROAD.

TWO PRAYA EAST MISHAPS.

Three motor car accidents occurred yesterday afternoon, one in the central district and two in Wanchai.

Mr. Nagen, chemist, residing at No. 16, Macdonnell Road, was driving his car from Macdonnell Road to Garden Road at 2.10 p.m., when at the junction the car was run into by another (No. 1038) which was travelling in the opposite direction. Mr. Nagen had both mudguards on his car smashed, while the other car suffered slight injuries. No one was hurt.

A 19-year-old Chinese youth was knocked down by a car owned by the World Garage at the junction of Praya East and Mallory Street. He suffered a compound fracture of his right leg, and was removed to the Government Civil Hospital.

The third accident also occurred in Praya East. In this case a 12-year-old Chinese girl was knocked down by motor car No. 555. She suffered injuries to her left leg, and is also at the Government Civil Hospital.

A MACAO RELIC.

NOW IN POSSESSION OF JESUITS.

There is a precious relic of St. Francis Xavier in Macao, says the "Religioso e Patria." It was the property of St. Paul's Church. On account of the disastrous fire which destroyed that magnificent temple, leaving only, as a monument of our ancient glories, the splendid frontispiece, the relic was saved and sent to the Cathedral where it was kept for many years.

It had a poor wooden reliquary. The head of a religious family in Macao therefore obtained permission from the Ecclesiastical authorities to substitute the one of silver, which he specially ordered from London on condition that he should keep it in his own house. The relic was annually exposed to the veneration of Catholics during the Novena of St. Francis at the Cathedral. This family had the good fortune to keep it for many years, it being often venerated by missionaries of various nations that passed through Macao, specially on the occasions of pilgrimages to Sanchoa.

Years after the death of the head of the family, the remaining members thought, and very rightly, that as long as there were members of the Society of Jesus in Macao, it would be better that they were the keepers of such a precious deposit, and delivered it, therefore, to the Jesuit Fathers. This took place, if we are not mistaken, at the time when the late Father Joao Goncalves was the Rector of the Seminary.

DROWNED WHILE BATHING.

A 20-year-old Chinese youth was yesterday drowned while bathing in a pond in Kowloon Tong. His body was later recovered and taken to the Kowloon Mortuary.

MURDER CHARGE.

ACCUSED'S MUI TSAI GIVES EVIDENCE.

SEARCH FOR DEAD WOMAN.

At yesterday afternoon's hearing of the Castle Peak murder case before Mr. R. E. Lindsell, the young mui tsai referred to by Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith (Assistant Crown Solicitor) in his opening statement gave evidence.

The girl said that she lived with the accused and his kiu-fat wife (the deceased) at Castle Peak. The accused had a concubine who lived elsewhere. This woman sometimes visited the Castle Peak house, and on one of these occasions the witness saw a quarrel between the two women. The concubine beat the deceased with a broom.

Led up to the day of the tragedy (April 7), the little girl said after the morning meal accused sent her out with two of the children to collect fir cones on the hillside. They were driven back to the house by a rainstorm. When they arrived there they found the house was locked. They sheltered on the verandah. After the rain accused sent the witness out to buy some cakes, and when she returned the house was open. The deceased was nowhere to be seen. When the accused left the house a little later, the witness began to search for the deceased. She first went to the attic and there found a length of rope hanging from a nail driven into a beam on the roof. Under the rope there was a stool. She saw some dry bloodstains on the floor which was wet as if it had recently been washed.

Continuing her search for the deceased, the witness went to an outhouse at the right of the main building. Here she found the body in a sitting position in a large basket with another basket inverted over it, forming a lid. Round the neck the witness saw a rope. She was too terrified when the accused returned to say anything to him as to what she had seen. Early the next morning, about 6 o'clock, when the witness awoke, she heard the accused coughing, and the sound appeared to come from the outhouse. At 7 o'clock, she saw the accused drying some wet clothes in the kitchen.

The little girl then proceeded to describe the accused's subsequent movements, and how he brought his concubine, her sister and children to the house. On April 11 they all moved from Castle Peak to Sham-shuipo where they stayed until the accused's arrest.

The case was adjourned until Monday afternoon next.

SCHOOL TRIP.

LESSONS TAUGHT ON THE HARBOUR.

ELLIS KADOORIE SCHEME.

As a novel method of acquainting students with places of local interest in a more striking manner than through the medium of the blackboard, an educational outing for junior students was organised yesterday for the junior students of Ellis Kadoorie School.

Some two hundred and eighty boys were taken in all in two launches, the trip being round the harbour, dockyard, wharves, fairways, special anchorage and features of geographical interest, the significance of which were pointed out to the students and their positions given on maps.

The trip occupied the whole morning, and in the afternoon there was bathing at Kennedy Town which concluded an enjoyable and instructive day.

As a measure of safety, four N.C.O.'s from local Troops, all excellent swimmers, accompanied the launches throughout the trip.

SEEING THE CIRCUS.

MAN WHO SAID HE WAS A CONSTABLE.

MAGISTRATE'S DIFFICULTY.

Before Mr. R. E. Lindsell this morning, a Chinese was charged with gaining admission into Iako's Circus at Wanchai last night by representing that he was a policeman. Evidence by Mr. H. C. Haylett, an assistant at the Circus, was that he saw the accused near the dressing tent. When asked what he was doing there the accused said that he had been detailed for duty there by Chinese Detective Inspector Chue Heung. When asked to produce his identification card the accused said that he had forgotten to bring it.

A Chinese constable said that he actually saw the accused in the main tent. When interrogated the accused said he was a policeman and that he had been sent to the Circus by the Chinese Inspector. As accused had no identification card, or even a police whistle, the witness arrested him. The Magistrate found some difficulty with the point that no one could prove that the accused had actually gained admission to the Circus by representing himself to be a policeman. Both witnesses accused when he was actually inside. Accused might have got in by making a hole in the fence, and when taxed afterwards, might have told a lie. The case was remanded until to-morrow morning for his Worship to consider "whether a conviction could be recorded under those circumstances."

OUR G.C.H.

NO REBUILDING FOR THE PRESENT.

BONHAM ROAD SCHEME.

The omission of reference to the Government Civil Hospital from the local schemes of development which the Colonial Secretary indicated yesterday are to be financed by a loan rather than from local revenue, is due the "China Mail" learns on enquiry, to the postponement of the scheme for rebuilding the Hospital until financial conditions are more favourable.

The taking over by the Government of the old Diocesan Boys' School premises in Bonham Road (referred to by the Colonial Secretary yesterday), is for the purpose of constructing recreation grounds for the sisters' quarters which is part of the G.C.H. rebuilding scheme. The rebuilding will not be put in hand this year and, when a start is made on it, the reconstruction is calculated to take three years. The present building, in the opinion of the experts has "come to the end of its life" and the only solution to the problem of providing adequate accommodation and facilities is the erection of a new building.

The new building, which will eventually be erected on the present lawns adjoining the Hospital, will have greater accommodation all round, including more European wards, and will be designed to meet the more pressing needs of the Colony since the present Hospital was erected some sixty years ago. The site of the present Hospital will be used partly as an open space and gardens and partly for providing residences.

OBITUARY.

WELL-KNOWN PORTUGUESE RESIDENT.

MR. G. A. YVANOVICH.

One of the oldest and best-known of the Portuguese residents died yesterday morning at his home in Gordon Terrace, Kowloon, in the person of Mr. G. A. Yvanovich.

Decceased's connection with the Colony dated back probably longer than that of any other foreign resident, his arrival here being in the early '60's. He was for many years a member of the staff of Messrs. Jardine, Matheson and Co., Ltd., but retired a considerable time ago.

Mr. Yvanovich, who was 73 years of age, lived to see a large family of descendants around him and there are several great grandchildren among those left to mourn his passing.

The funeral took place at the Catholic Cemetery, Happy Valley, yesterday. There was a large gathering of the Portuguese community at the graveside and a great number of wreaths were sent.

SECRETS OF TRADE.

AMERICA INCREASING PRESS ADVERTISING.

Speaking at a luncheon of the Advertising Association, Sir Charles Hingham, who has just returned from America, said that at least 100 delegates will come over from America to the Advertising Exhibition and Convention at Olympia in July.

"We have nothing to learn to-day from the United States as to how to do good advertising," said Sir Charles.

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GAMBLERS DISGORGE.

While crossing the Atlantic from England in the Cunard liner "Berenaria" a London business man took part in a "friendly" game of Bridge with three fellow-passengers—a woman and two suave men. The stakes were gradually raised and when the business man decided that bedtime had arrived he found himself poorer by £1,100, for which amount he gave his cheque.

Some days later he mentioned his loss to Sir Arthur Rostron, the captain of the liner, who recognised the other players as notorious Trans-Atlantic gamblers. Sending for them, Sir Arthur made them return the business man's cheque.

POLICE TRAP SUCCEEDS.

Sentence of three months' hard labour was passed by Mr. R. E. Lindsell on a Chinese this morning for demanding money by menace. The man was arrested in Shaui-wan on Monday last by Chinese detectives who were present when he received \$5 from the complainant. The detectives' presence was due to previous arrangement with the complainant who had been pestered by the accused and had laid a trap for him.

LABOUR OUTBURST.

INSULT TO THE ATTORNEY GENERAL.

MR. J. MAXTON SUSPENDED.

London, June 23.

In the House of Commons, Sir Thomas Inskip, the Solicitor-General, moved the third reading of the Trade Union Bill.

Mr. J. H. Thomas, the Labour leader, moving the rejection of the Bill, declared that the Opposition would use their constitutional rights in the country to invite a mandate to remove the Bill from the Statute Book.

Mr. J. Maxton (Labour) described Sir Douglas Hogg, Attorney-General, as a political blackguard whereupon the Speaker named Mr. Maxton who was suspended by 146 to 73 votes and quietly left the House.—Reuter.

Measure Passed.

Later.

The House of Commons by 354 to 139 votes passed the third reading of the Trade Union Bill after rejection of Mr. Thomas's motion.—Reuter.

BALKANS DISPUTE.

FOUR BIG POWERS DEMAND SETTLEMENT.

Belgrade, June 23.

The Italian, French and German Ministers and the British Charge d'Affaires have presented the Yugo-Slav Government with separate identic Notes demanding that the Albanian and Yugo-Slav dispute shall be settled by the release of Juras-kovitch simultaneously with modification of the terms of the Yugo-Slav Note of May 30 which the Albanian Government considered insulting. The Foreign Minister has intimated that Yugo-Slavia will accept the suggestion.—Reuter.

[The Albanian police arrested an Albanian named Jurash-kovitch, employed as a dragoman in the Yugo-Slav Legation at Tirana, on a charge of spying. Despite Yugo-Slav protests, his release was refused, and the Yugo-Slav Charge d'Affaires and the entire Legation staff sailed from Durazzo.]

THE IDEAL TRADER.

ARTIST, DIPLOMAT, SOLDIER, SAINT.

VALUE OF TEAM SPIRITS.

Councillor James Stanworth, an ex-Mayor of Blackburn, was elected president of the National Chamber of Trade, in succession to Sir William Perring, M.P., at the twenty-ninth annual conference held at Buxton. The delegates, who numbered 400, sent a message of loyalty to the King, recording their gratification at His Majesty's continued interest in all that pertained to the advancement of British trades, and their deep appreciation of the inspiring efforts and declarations so frequently made by the Prince of Wales.

The president, in the course of his address to the delegates, said that the nation must get down to work. Our goods were too dear. To-day business was a science, and efficiently it was as dignified as any of the professions. Financial profit was regarded as respectfully in Harley-street and the Inns of Court as in Regent-street and Mincing-lane. To be a successful trader one needed the imagination of the artist, the tact of the diplomat, the courage of the soldier, and the patience of a saint. He was glad to see universities of Oxford and Cambridge had recognised the importance of business. They were now publishing books on trade and manufacture, and awarding scholarships for these subjects. It was beginning to be realised that there was no essential difference between the trader, the doctor, and the lawyer. What the world needed to-day was class unity. The madness of 1926 showed the utter uselessness of strife between masters and men. Employers and employees must get together in groups to tackle their difficulties in a common-sense, economic, and scientific spirit. The trouble was that our goods were too dear for our customers abroad. It was not enough to keep pace with other countries; we must outstrip them, and our future as a world Power depended on how far we encouraged the rising generation in technical, commercial, and scientific education. We needed increased and cheaper production, which could be brought about by our manufacturers adopting up-to-date methods. "Let us as a nation during 1927 get down to work," he said. "Let us develop the team spirit, for in this way only lies industrial salvation."

The president also uttered a note of warning against the dangers of the trust, and urged that co-operative societies should not be taxed on profits.

The Mayor of Buxton, in offering

CHASE IN CITY.

A DASH AMONG THE BUSY TRAFFIC.

AN ABSCONDING BANKRUPT.

A dramatic scene and chase, ending in an arrest, took place in the City.

Mr. A. L. Jurd, while in Newgate-street Post Office, thought he recognised a man standing by his side at the counter as Mr. Edward Henry Coopman, a solicitor, late of Giltspur-street, E.C., and of Redington-road, Hampstead, N.W., who had failed to appear at the London Bankruptcy Court, and for whose arrest a warrant had been issued.

Following the man from the post office, Mr. Jurd, who is a creditor of Coopman, informed a constable and explained matters to him. At once the constable followed the man and touched him on the shoulder. The man, turning round and seeing the officer, ran along the street towards the Post Office tube station, followed by several people.

Among the Traffic. Near the tube station, the pursued man darted across the road when the traffic was held up. He attempted then to thread his way through the traffic into the tube station, where he was caught by the constable and taken to Salisbury-square police station, where the information of Mr. Jurd was taken. A tipstaff who held the warrant for the arrest of Coopman was telephoned for and arrived within a few minutes, and the man was taken in a taxicab to Brixton Jail, where he is now detained pending his appearance at Bow-street Police Court.

Confusion in the Street. At the time of his capture traffic in Newgate-street was thrown into confusion and stopped on account of an accident to an elderly woman who had been knocked down by a taxicab outside the Post Office tube station.

But for this diversion the police consider that it is probable the man might have given them a sterner chase.

At the time the warrant was issued Coopman was stated to be on the high seas and had let his residence furnished at \$25 for one year.

At the public examination the Official Receiver said that proofs of debt amounting to \$45,499 had been lodged and that Coopman had not surrendered to the bankruptcy proceedings.

Shadows Before.

COMING EVENTS ANNOUNCED IN THE "MAIL."

Entertainments.

June 24—Queen's Theatre; "Held By The Law."

June 24—World Theatre; "Heritage of the Desert."

June 24—Star Theatre; "Prisoners of the Storm."

June 24—Tea Dance, Cafe Restaurant Parisien, 4.30 p.m.

June 24—Iako's Circus, New Reclamation Ground, Praya East, Wanchai 9.15 p.m.

June 25—Concert at "Cheero," Chater Road.

June 25—Grand Frenade Concert at Lee Gardens, 9.30 p.m.

June 25—After Dinner Dance 8.30-10.30 p.m.

June 25—Sport.

June 25—Fifth extra race meeting of the Hong Kong Jockey Club, Happy Valley.

Lammer's Auctions.

June 25—Furniture, fixtures, rice machines, motors, fittings, etc., 116, Connaught Road, West, 11 a.m.

June 25—Valuable household furniture, etc., Sales Room, 230 p.m.

Meetings.

June 25—Combined meeting of members of the (H.K. branch) China Coast Officers Guild & Marine Engineers' guild of China, 67, Des Voeux Road Ctl., 10.30 a.m.

June 25—Sixth yearly meeting of shareholders of the Hong Kong Amusements, Ltd., at Queen's Theatre, Queen's Road, Central, noon; extraordinary meeting at 12.15 p.m.

Miscellaneous.

June 24—Whist Drive at St. John's Cathedral Hall, 8.30 p.m.

June 25—Opening performance of Lane, Crawford's new Orchestra under the direction of Miss Violet Andrews, during dinner.

June 25—Social gathering in St. John's Cathedral Hall, 6 p.m.

June 25—Lecture by Dr. Osma at St. Peter's Club, 8.30 p.m.

The grocery and provision shops of Scotland are the finest in the world.—Mr. A. E. Wiltshire.

The undergraduate who owns a motor-car is rapidly becoming a Giltip, a wild, roving, romping lad.—Mr. E. G. Benn.

a civic welcome to the delegates, rebuked people in high places who frequented foreign spas in preference to British. He commended the proposal of Hastings and St. Leonards that the slogan, "British resorts for British people," should be used as a general postmark prior to and during the holiday season. The delegates were being arranged on a temporary platform outside the Town Hall for the official photograph, and had just been escorted to "Smile please," when the last row of about twenty men and women collapsed. No one was injured.

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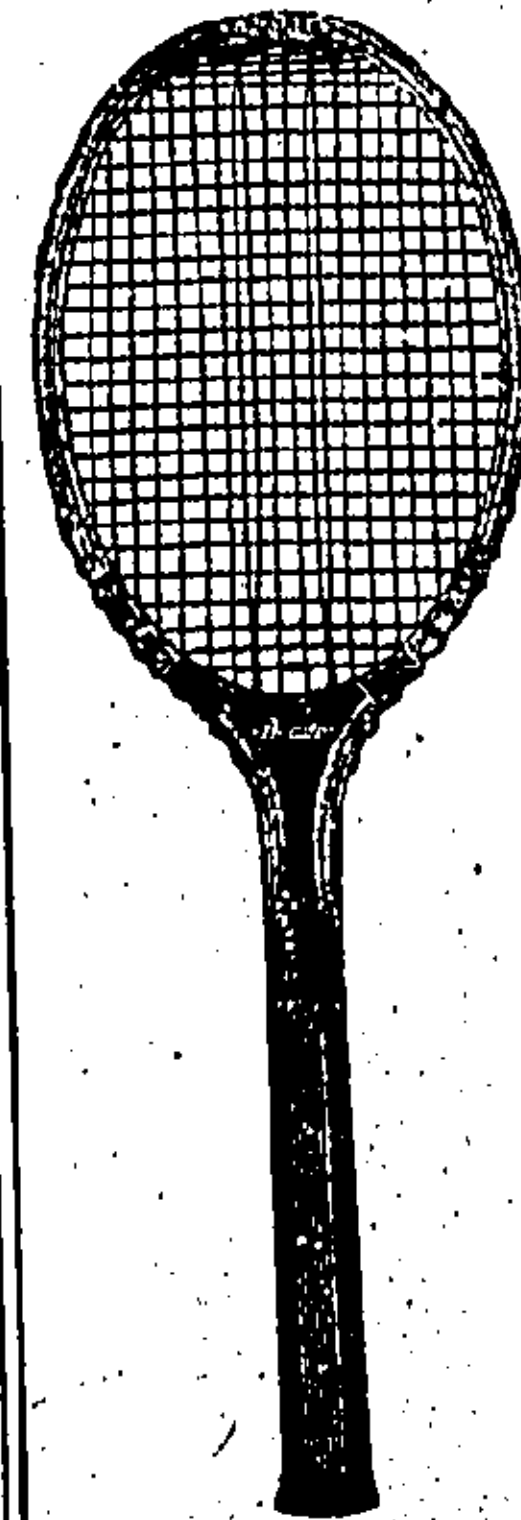
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The telegraph office announced that owing to faulty cable connection, telegrams to and from Shanghai and beyond are subject to delay.

The transfer of big blocks of shipping shares in London has led to a revival of the rumour on the Stock Exchange that a big new shipping combine is about to be formed.

There was brisk bidding at the sale at China Auction Rooms yesterday of No. 54 Jardine Bazaar when the upset price was increased from \$8,000 to \$12,600 at which price Mr. Liu Chung-ping became the purchaser.

The business before the Legislative Council yesterday included the 2nd and 3rd Readings of Bills amending the Public Health and Buildings Ordinance, 1903 and for incorporating the Directors of the Japanese Residents' Association of Hong Kong. The Bills were read and finally became law.

The votes before the Finance Committee yesterday (printed in our last issue), amounting in all to \$22,750 were approved without comment from Unofficial members. The Colonial Secretary, who presided, said with regard to the grant of \$2,400 to the widow of Chief Meter Reader S. F. Santos, of the P.W.D., that it was in accordance with the policy of the Government to grant the equivalent of one year's salary to the widows of deserving public officers who died whilst in service.

The concert at the "Cheero" (Chater Road Naval and Military Y.M.C.A.) which has been arranged by Mrs. A. T. Hamilton, assisted by Mrs. Costen, takes place to-morrow night and was not held on Wednesday night, as erroneously reported yesterday. The artistes are Messrs. Hill, V. C. Labrum, J. Grenham, Wohlgenuth, Clemo and Paterson and Mrs. Reynolds, Mrs. Fleming, Miss Doris Henderson and the Saxophone Ensemble under Mr. D. Smith Hill.

The rumour is spreading that a certain Malay house at Tanjong Kling can miraculously produce money, much to the consternation and delight of onlookers who visit there solely for the purpose of seeing this wonder, says the "Malayan Observer." The money, it is said, falls from the ceiling and is distributed amongst those present. In connection with this a "Tangkal" (charm) is issued at the price of a dollar. A similar rumour was rife some years ago regarding a house in Umbet on the way to Merlimau.



Viscount Weymouth, son of the Marquis of Bath, and his wife, the Hon. Daphne Vivian. 22-year-old daughter of Lord Vivian.

A despatch in the Paris edition of the "New York Herald" states that the 500 dollars (\$100) which Mr. J. C. Penney invested in a store in Kemmerer, Wyoming, in 1902, has grown to an invested capital of \$6,000,000. Each dollar invested has multiplied itself 60,000 times. The J. C. Penney stores in the United States now number nearly 800, and last year the original capital of \$100 was turned over 230,000 times, the total sales for the year exceeding \$23,000,000.

Lord Birkenhead tells a story of the doings of a couple of Russian hounds which years ago were presented to him by Sir Guy Rutledge, a learned friend on the North-Western Circuit. They were as silly as they were big, and on one occasion in the course of an altercation with some sheep put to death sixteen of the flock. "It happened by an unfortunate coincidence," said his Lordship, "that each of the deceased sheep was in lamb to a pedigree ram." These dogs, by the way, are the same which had the unique distinction of holding up Sir William Forwood at his home in Bromborough, Cheshire, one stationing itself at the front and the other at the rear of the premises, and obliging him to ring up the owner to call them off.

The Hong Kong Hotel announces that accommodation including meals is available at reduced summer rates from July to September.

The number of French disabled men in receipt of war pensions on January 1 was 708,591, classified as follows: Arm and leg injuries, 404,606; lungs, 235,884; eyes, 27,281 (of whom 2,585 are blind); ears, 17,730 (of whom 4,398 are deaf); mental disorders, 14,502; and facial injuries, 8,588.

A combined meeting of members of the Hong Kong Branches of the China Coast Officers' Guild, and the Marine Engineers' Guild of China will be held at the Guilds' Offices, No. 57 Des Voeux Road Central at 10.30 a.m., on Sunday, June 26.

Nineteen golden wedding couples, whose combined ages totalled 2,767, were entertained at the house of a local boot manufacturer at the village of Earl Shilton, near Hinckley, Leicestershire. The King and Queen sent a message of cordial good wishes, which was read when all were assembled.

In moving at yesterday's Council meeting a resolution confirming approval of the construction by the Tramway Company of a single track tramway in Percival Street and of an additional curve leading from Morrison Street into Connaught Road Central, the Colonial Secretary said that the provisions of the Tramway Ordinance required that when changes in routes were made, the change should be approved by the Governor and Executive Council and confirmed by motion in the Legislative Council. The resolution in question was adopted without dissent.

It may possibly distress some of the older fashioned official types, says the "Free Press," to see the unofficial way in which Sir Hugh Clifford descends upon a place or department which he wishes to inspect and the unconventional nature of his official attire, but this common-sense method of obtaining an understanding is a more effective way of doing things than coming down from on high at a prearranged hour with all the pomp and ceremony appropriate to a gubernatorial progress. This policy of gaining a first-hand knowledge of actual working of the machinery is bound to have excellent results when it comes to a question of scrapping, adapting or enlarging that machinery, and it will increase the confidence of the people in the actual working of all the departments.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

On the retirement of Major-General Sir T. Fraser, K.C.B., C.S.I., C.M.G., the command of the Troops in Malaya devolves upon Colonel L. N. Malan, O.B.E.

The long-feared return to black stockings has come at last (says a "Sunday Chronicle" writer). It is no longer smart for society women to wear light hose. Miss Marcelle Duggan, who is off for a last trousseau-buying trip to Paris, is, I hear, getting a quantity of the new "sheer" black silken hose. Fashion creators stop at nothing to achieve a new design. They are now robbing the farmyard to provide oddity and novelty on the new shades of black satin, bordered with ducks and geese in white. The ominous thing is that these shades are made waterproof!

Like his late father, the new Duke of Leeds, better and more widely known by his previous title of the Marquis of Carmarthen, is a great yachtsman as well as a great hand at business. In Child's Bank he is recognised as a man possessed of almost insatiable energy; he has worked hard and played hard, principally on the lakes of Italy, where he has been able to apply himself to the boating he loves with the utmost zest. He is the youngest of a family whose other members are of the feminine gender, and he is related by marriage to the Royal Family; his sister's husband is the Duchess of York's brother.

Mr. T. M. Healy's term of office as Governor-General of the Irish Free State comes to an end this autumn, and there is some doubt as to whether he will continue for a second term or whether he will retire to finish his long-promised book of memoirs, which ought to prove interesting. Those who knew "Tim" in those days, when he distinguished himself by his bitter invective and suspensions, would hardly recognise him in the role of "His Excellency." To-day he coos gentler than any turtle dove. It is probable that if the present Government is returned at the general election Mr. Cosgrave will go to the Viceroyal Lodge, although the Earl of Granard has been mentioned in some quarters.



Ernest von Simson, Secretary of State of Germany, who has been elected a member of the Locarno Commission to which belong representatives of France, Belgium, Poland and other countries.

Besides creating a widespread public interest, the fact of the sporting young Marquis of Douglas and Clydesdale having joined the Royal Air Force Territorial and being attached to the Glasgow squadron, will afford a much-needed stimulus to Scottish aviation in general. Well known and greatly liked in boxing and other circles throughout Britain, the young Marquis has been evincing a growing interest in flying, and there is no doubt that recent events have prompted him to become a pilot in His Majesty's service. He is training at Stag Lane Aerodrome, and is expected to qualify in six weeks. He will then be attached to the Glasgow movement.

Sir Edward Wittenoom, President of the Western Australia Legislative Council since 1922, who was a member of Parliament for Western Australia so long ago as 1883, is visiting Singapore.

Sir James Matthew Barrie, O.M., who celebrated his 67th birthday in mail week, is a man of few recreations, but can play a fine game of billiards, and used to be a far better cricketer than some of his little stories against himself might seem to indicate. Telling of his prowess in a certain match he once stated, "In the first innings I scored a run; in the second innings I was not so successful." Though he is a Glasgow Academician, Sir James has never shown any great interest in "rugger."

People are still discussing the amazing memory shown by Mrs. Amery, the wife of the Secretary of State for Dominion Affairs and the Colonies, at the reception at Lancaster House. For one hour and a quarter she stood at the top of the stairs greeting everyone by name. Not a single guest of the 900 seemed to baffle her. Guests who had been there before noticed that the hideous nude statue discovered in Croydon many years ago and set up in the hall of Lancaster House has been removed.

While British boxing, save for occasional flashes, continues in the doldrums, in America the game is flourishing to such an extent that Tex Rickard, the well-known promoter of big matches, is likely to have a serious competitor. A Home paper hears that, with a view to the erection of a new stadium, a site has been purchased near Madison Square Garden for a sum approaching \$3,000,000. The moving spirit in this bold enterprise is a Mr. Fugazy, who, as becomes a man of big ideas, has his headquarters in the Woolworth skyscraper. Although the first brick of the new stadium is yet to be laid, Mr. Fugazy is already in touch with Gene Tunney. There are still some hushers in America.

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"BABY BETTY" BEATS STAR.

Mrs. Mallory Loses to Miss Nuthall

BIG SURPRISE AT WIMBLEDON.

British Women Players Doing Well.

Miss Nuthall, "Baby Betty," the 16 years old British representative in the Wimbledon tennis championships, yesterday defeated Mrs. Mallory, "crack" player of America, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.

There are 10 British women left in the last 16. Senorita de Alvarez has entered the last eight.

The "Three Musketeers" of France—Cochet, Lacoste and Borotra—all won their games yesterday, as did Tilden and Greig and Campbell (Britain).

Wimbledon, June 23.

In alternating sunshine and shadow before a large crowd Miss Nuthall beat Mrs. Mallory 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.

A packed arena breathlessly followed the match between Miss Nuthall and Mrs. Mallory, alternating sighs with cheers as "our



"Baby Betty."

Betty," after an uncertain start, played the most brilliant game of her career. Wimbledon has not seen a more popular victory.

Miss Nuthall, after overdriving in the first set, won the second by immeasurably superior forehand play, while the third was a wonderful all-round set, especially her impregnable backhand strokes and spectacular volleys.

Tilden, a most interested spectator, when asked his opinion replied: "The kid played beautiful tennis."

Mrs. Mallory said she was pre-



Mrs. Godfree.

pared for defeat and knew how good Miss Nuthall was. Mrs. Mallory heartily congratulated her conqueror.

Miss Nuthall said she really did not expect to win but thought she could get away with it after the first set. "I was determined to fight."

British Women.

In the third round Tilden beat Hughes (Britain) 6-3, 6-4, 6-0. Hunter (America) beat A. Lowe 6-2, 8-6, 6-3.

Ten of the last 16 women players are British. Youth is well-repre-



Mrs. Mallory.

sented by Misses Nuthall, Fry and Colyer.

The foreign challenge is reduced to Misses Wills, Ryan (America), Boumann (Holland), De Alvarez

COUNTY CRICKET CHAMPIONSHIP TABLE.

(Compilations include Somerset-Worcester match reported to-day).

	P. W. L.	1st Innings	Pts.	Pts. No.
Lancashire	13	7	0	3
Derbyshire	9	5	1	2
Nottingham	11	6	1	2
Leicestershire	10	4	1	3
Yorkshire	13	7	3	2
Surrey	11	6	2	2
Middlesex	10	5	3	2
Essex	9	3	3	3
Sussex	11	4	3	2
Warwickshire	12	2	2	3
Northants	11	1	5	3
Hampshire	11	1	6	0
Gloucestershire	11	2	6	1
Glamorgan	10	0	6	2
Worcester	12	1	10	0

LAWN BOWLS.

Only One Undefeated Team.

KOWLOON DOCKS HOPES.

Second Division Struggle Now Keener.

(By "Short Head.")

No great space need be taken up with a review of last Saturday's games, which resulted very much as predicted, save that there is only one undefeated team, namely, the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club which have still to meet their Waterloo. Last Saturday, against the Civil Service C.C. both Lapsley and Brown maintained their record as unbeaten skips but Gray went down to Pendered. Both Oswick and Deakin sustained their initial defeats. The Dock record to date reads:

Beat Police	68-44
Beat K.B.G.C.	63-58
Beat K.C.C.	60-45
Beat C.C.C.	58-49
Beat C.S.C.C.	66-46

But for a debacle on West's rink the Police might well have won against the Kowloon Bowling Green Club, but a reverse by 32-6 on one rink takes a tremendous lot of making up on the other two rinks.

Main just lost to Macfarlane by four shots, but Moss had the better of Russell by 11 shots. Macfarlane scored his fourth and Holland his second win as skip.

The Kowloon Cricket Club should not have lost to the Tai Koo Recreation Club by so many as 22 shots, even although they were up against a powerful side. Pile led Weather spoon at one stage by 10-0 and Weather finished up only two to the good.

Another Account. Rugby, June 23.

In today's play of the Wimbledon Lawn Tennis Championship, Miss Betty Nuthall, the 16-years-old English girl, beat Mrs. Mallory, the American, 2-6, 6-2, 6-0.

Cochet last year's French champion, beat Kleinsohn (Germany).

Timmer (Holland) beat Bandry (France).

Other men who advanced in the tournament by winning matches to-day were Tilden (America), Lacoste, Borotra and Bousseis (France), and Campbell (Britain).

and the women successful in today's play included Senorita de Alvarez (Spain), Miss Harvey (Britain), Mrs. Pendered (South African), Miss Ryan (America) and Miss Boumann (Holland).—British Wireless Service.

LOCAL TENNIS.

CHINESE TOP "A" DIVISION OF LEAGUE.

M.B.K. DEFEATED.

By defeating the M.B.K. in the "A" division of the Tennis League the Chinese Recreation Club again take championship honours.

Scores: Ng Sze-cheung and M. W. Lo (C.R.C.): lost to T. Honda and T. Ema 5-6; beat H. Unotaro and J. Edo 9-2; lost to S. Fujita and Koyama 6-6.

19-14 Ng Sze-kwong and Lu Tak-cheuk (C.R.C.): lost to T. Honda and T. Ema 4-7; beat H. Unotaro and J. Edo 8-3; beat S. Fujita and Koyama 10-1.

22-11 Yew Man-kit and Lau Man-kwong (C.R.C.): lost to T. Honda and T. Ema 5-6; beat H. Unotaro and J. Edo 10-1; beat S. Fujita and Koyama 10-1.

25-8 Total: C.R.C., 66; M.B.K., 33. The positions of the various clubs in the "A" Division are as follows:

	P. W. L.	Pts.
Chinese R.C.	6	6
Indian R.C.	5	3
Kowloon C.C.	4	2
University	4	1
M.B.K.	4	1
Hong Kong C.C.	4	0
United Services	4	0

LOCAL GOLF.

ADAMSON CUP PLAY OFF.

In a play off in the Adamson Cup golf competition, A. Brooksbank defeated J. H. Gelling, the former making a score of 89 (113 less 24).

Curiously enough the players tied with this score in their previous encounter.

PROSPECTS FOR TO-MORROW.

The most important match on the card to-morrow in the First Division is that between the Civil Service Cricket Club and the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

At King's Park the Club de Recreo returned to form by defeating the Royal Hong Kong Yacht Club by eight shots.

At the outcome of last Saturday's games the only undefeated skips now are:

First Division: W. Macfarlane (K.B.G.C.), four wins; Brown (K.D.R.C.), four wins and one draw; Wallace (Tai Koo), three wins; Lapsley (K.D.R.C.) and Ho-land (K.B.G.C.), two wins each; and Drummond (Tai Koo), one win.

Second Division—Young (Tai Koo) and Dobbie (K.B.G.C.), one win each.

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performance of a year ago when they won by 14 shots. The visitors have won only one match out of six, whereas Tai Koo have won three and lost two.

The Kowloon Cricket Club are at home to the Civil Service C.C. and form points to their bagging another brace of points. A year ago the visitors lost by 41 shots, but of course their opponents then are now in First Division company. Were Massey to be drawn against Lammert to-morrow, stranger things in bowls have happened than to see the visitors annex the points.

The East Point Recreation Club are at home to the Club de Recreo. Both teams won last Saturday, but where the K.C.C. could not win it would be difficult to imagine the King's Park boys returning with the points. However, they are an erratic quantity this season and if they get scalped by less than 32 shots they will improve on their performance a year ago.

Ground considerations force the Yacht Club to journey to Kowloon to meet the Kowloon Bowling Green Club and form distinctly favours the latter's chances. The Yacht Club have still to open their credit account, but the Bowling Green have won four matches and lost only one.

A HEAVY DEFEAT.

WORCESTER LOSE BY INNINGS AND 199 RUNS.

SOME FINE BOWLING.

London, June 23. At Knowle Somerset defeated Worcestershire by an innings and 199 runs.

Somerset scored 378, Young making 77, Earle 62 and A. E. Rippon 13.

Worcester replied with 67, Crosswell taking five wickets for 38 and White four for 20. Their second innings realised 112, White taking four wickets for 36.—Reuter.



Mickey Walker of America's world's middle-weight boxing champion who, as outlined in "Stalwart's" notes yesterday, is to meet Tommy Milligan, of Scotland, for the title at Olympia on Thursday next, June 30.

WHEEL GYMNASTS.

BRITISH ADOPT GERMAN APPARATUS.

In pouring rain, before a number of British officers and other ranks at Crookham Camp, near Aldershot, recently, two supple young German gymnasts gave a demonstration of muscle development exercises on a light double-rimmed wheel which runs along the ground.

With their feet loosely strapped to one rim, and holding grips which fasten the rims together, these experts made many thrilling runs. In the most awkward positions they performed gymnastics on one rim and described a number of movements.

While one performer was being twirled round inside the rim the other somersaulted and double somersaulted over the top of it.

The demonstration was arranged with a view to the introduction of this new gymnastic appliance, named the Rhon Wheel, into the British Army physical training centres.

All Muscles Exercised. Mr. Otto Seick, of Berlin, told a "Daily Mail" representative that the main claim for his invention was that all muscles of the body were brought into action during the exercises.

"There is no doubt there are great physical advantages to be obtained by training under these conditions," was the view of a medical officer present.

"The entire body is thoroughly in play, and the gymnast is trained in such a way that while describing the most awkward positions on the revolving wheel he retains his presence of mind and sense of balance."

Colonel J. S. Postock, R.A.M.C., who is adopting the Rhon Wheel as a feature of physical training for his men, said the exercises provided mental as well as physical strength.

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FRENCH OPEN GOLF.

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RECORD MARGINAL WIN.

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BOXERS SIGN UP.

DEMPSEY-SHARKEY MATCH ON JULY 21.

New York, June 23.

Dempsey and Sharkey have signed up for their fight at the Yankee Stadium on July 21. They will respectively receive 27½ and 22¼ per cent. of the receipts.—Reuter.

BOXERS' EARNINGS.

BALDOCK'S \$550 FOR A FIGHT.

The action brought by Alfred Baldock, better known as "Teddy" Baldock, the world's bantam-weight champion boxer, against Isaac Jacobs and Harry Jacobs, brothers, of 29a, Charing Cross Road, W.C. 2, ended in a stay of all further proceedings, each party paying their own costs.

Baldock claimed a declaration that an alleged contract under which the brothers Jacobs said they had a right to his services for the season 1927-28 was not binding on him.

Mr. Alexander Grant, K.C., for Baldock, said that the latter was an "infant."

Mr. Archer, K.C., for the brothers Jacobs, said they took the gravest exception to the suggestion that Baldock had been overreached. Harry Jacobs was well known in the sporting world, and he did not owe anyone a farthing.

East End.

The fact was that they gave "this boy" an extremely beneficial contract when he was unknown and could not command any money to speak of. He came from an obscure home in the East End of London where there was hardly enough to eat and he was given this chance. He insisted on having a clause inserted giving him leave to go to America, and having done pretty well there, the first thing he did on his return was to repudiate this contract.

In the witness-box Baldock said that he was 20 years of age that day. Before he went to America he had 180 contests of which he won 129, first as a fly-weight and later in the bantam class. In America he won 11 contests and drew one.

A "Dangerous" Boy.

Mr. Justice Astbury: He is a dangerous young man (Laughter.)

Baldock, in cross-examination, said that about \$80—at Premier-land—was the biggest salary he ever received before he first appeared at the Albert Hall under an arrangement with Mr. Harry Jacobs.

Mr. Archer said the contract with the Jacobs brothers for Baldock's four fights at the Albert Hall provided for a payment of £162 10s. for each fight.

Baldock said that the contract now in question was not made with his and his father's full knowledge. It was made in his absence. He got £100 for his last contest in America.

Mr. Justice Astbury: Can a boy live for £100 a week in America? (Laughter.)

A Sporting Thing.

From the International Sports Syndicate for his first three fights Baldock said that for the first he got £360, for the second £550, and for the third £400.

Mr. Archer remarked that the Jacobs brothers resisted any suggestion that the contract was not binding on Baldock. He added: "My clients thought they were giving him a square deal, and as long as nobody is concerned to destroy that sentiment I am willing to go away if we each pay our own costs."

Mr. Justice Astbury: I should think that is the sporting thing to do.

The case then terminated on the terms mentioned above.

LONDON EXCHANGES.

Rugby, June 23.

Paris	124
New York	435 19/32
Brussels	24.96
Geneva	25.23 1/2
Amsterdam	12.11 1/2
Milan	84.45
Berlin	20.49
Stockholm	18.11 1/2
Copenhagen	18.16 1/2
Oslo	18.73
Vienna	34.53
Prague	168 1/2
Helsingfors	192.81
Madrid	23.51
Lisbon	2 15/32
Athens	368
Bucharest	810
Rio	5 53/64

(N.B.—Message incomplete and certain passages doubtful owing to bad atmospheric conditions.)

SHARE MARKET.

OFFICIAL QUOTATIONS.

Hong Kong, June 24, 1927, M.S. a.m.

Stock. Hong Kong Stock Exchange.

T.T. on London 1/11 1/2

T.T. on Shanghai 77 1/2

Banks. Hongkong Bank \$1000 b \$7070 1/4

do. Lon. Reg. \$116 n

Chartered Bank \$20 n

Mercantile A. & B. \$304 n

do. C. \$134 n

P. & O. Bank \$68 n

East Asia \$105 1/2 n

Marine Insurance. Canton Insurance \$320 n

China Underwriters \$0 cta. n

North China Insurance \$148 n

Union Insurance \$280 n

Yangtze Insurance \$40 M. n

Fire Insurance. China Fire Insurance \$210 n

H.K. Fire Insurance \$500 n

Shipping. Douglases \$314 b

H.K. Steamships \$224 n

H.K. Tugs & Lighters \$110 n

Indo-China (Prof.) \$30 n

do. (Def.) \$80 n

Shanghai Loans \$7 n

Ranch \$7 n

Trench Mines 19/3 n

Ural Caspian 8/- n

Docks, Wharves, Godowns, &c. H.K. & K. Wharves \$108 n

H.K. & W. Docks \$38 n

Hongkings \$145 n

New Engineering \$754 n

Shanghai Docks \$100 n

Lands, Hotels & Bldgs. H.K. & S. Hotel \$6.96 n

Hongkong Lands \$56 1/2 b \$55 1/2 n

Hongkong Realty \$6 n

H.K. Territorial \$14 n

Humphreys Estates \$12 1/2 n \$12 1/2 n

Prince's Building \$39 n

Rural Lands \$14 n

Cotton Mills. Ewo Cottons \$7.35 n

Oriental \$7.10 n

Shai Cottons (Old) \$72 n

do. (new) \$72 n

Buses, Trams, &c. China Buses \$7 n

H.K. Trams \$20.55 b \$20.55 n

Peak Trams (Old) \$15 n

do. (new) \$15 n

Singapore Trams \$10/8 n

Taxis \$1 n

Miscellaneous. H.K. Amusements \$21 n

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101ST NATIONAL EXHIBITION
AT EDINBURGH.

REVIEW OF THE PICTURES.

After the homogeneity of the exhibition of a hundred years of Scottish art, with which the Royal Scottish Academy celebrated its centenary a year ago, the hundred and first exhibition which opened in Edinburgh in mail week was marked by its cosmopolitan air. The previous collection possessed great variety within its school and racial tradition and this combination of incident with unity gave it special significance (writes James L. Carr, Director of the National Gallery of Scotland, in the "Morning Post").

On this occasion, however, the variety is more obvious in kind, for the Academy has made a feature of pre-Raphaelite and post-Impressionist pictures. Ford Madox Brown; Rossetti, Burne-Jones, and G. F. Watts are represented by important works, lent by the Manchester Galleries. These have been placed in centres in the great room.

One of the smaller rooms has been devoted to Cezanne, Gauguin, Van Gogh, Matisse, Bonnard, Maurice Denis, and other post-Impressionists, with whose pictures are examples of Messrs. Walter Sickert, Walter Bayes, and Frank Medworth, and of the younger Scottish painters, such as Messrs. S. J. Peploe, Leslie Hunter, and William Crozier, who have been influenced by these new movements.

The ensemble of this room is unexpectedly harmonious, the Scottish pictures, especially, toning well with the French. Further variety has been obtained by the introduction of fine works by Daubier, Manet, and Degas, lent by Mr. William Burrell.

Sir William Orpen's half-length of Lord Devar, and an earlier picture, "The Model," charming in lighting, are also on view, together with Mr. Nicholson's just completed cabinet full-length of Professor Sir Richard Lodge, a refined portrait of a young man by Ambrose McEvoy, and Cayley Robinson's delightful "Pastoral," the two last from the Tate Gallery.

Racial Characteristics.

The presence of such diverse and interesting elements rather over-shadows the ordinary Scottish pictures, especially as neither Sir James Guthrie nor Sir D. Y. Cameron is represented. But the collection as a whole shows the traditional Scottish instinct for paint as material.

When compared with last year's, however, there is evidence that Scottish painting is losing some of its essential racial characteristics as regards subject, the way in which subject was approached, and in consequence painted, by the most distinctive Scottish painters of the past. As has been the case for many years past, portraits and landscapes bulk most largely.

Good portraits or simple figure-pictures, without incident, are contributed by Sir John Lavery, Messrs. Fiddes Watt, David Alison, David Foggie, Stanley Curstier, John M. Aitken, C. W. Crawford, D. S. Ewart, and others; an impressive landscape represents the scholarly art of the late James Cadenhead, Messrs. James Paterson, George Houston, Whitelaw Hamilton, and Marshall Brown show well in the same field; amongst more decorative works those by Mr. John Duncan and Mr. Ansel Stronach are noticeable.

In the water-colour room the exquisite art of the late Edwin Alexander is shown in the series of specially fine drawings.

Sculpture.

The sculpture includes several distinguished works by Dr. Pittendrigh Macgillivray, two charming studies by Mr. Reid Dick, Mr. Jacob Epstein's recently completed and over-emphatic bust of Mr. Ramsay MacDonald, a fine piece of portraiture by Mr. Benno Schotz, and a delightful model for a carved wood figure, "St. John the Evangelist," Mrs. Meredith Williams.

In the architectural room, in addition to interesting designs by Sir Giles Gilbert Scott, Sir John Burnet, Sir Robert Lorimer, and others, there are several fascinating cartoons for carved stone roundels by Mr. Douglas Strachan, the stained glass artist, and by Mr. M. M. Williams for the bronze service reliefs for the Scottish National War Memorial, now nearing completion.

FILM OF PRINCE.

FROM A SMALL BOY IN
VELVET.

Under the title of "H.R.H." a short film composed of official and unofficial pictures of the Prince of Wales, which have been assembled and issued by a Canadian firm was shown privately yesterday. This will form part of the programme at the Plaza, Lower Regent Street, S.W.

"It begins with some 'still' photographs of the Prince as a baby with his great-grandmother, Queen Victoria, and with his grandparents. The first motion picture, wonderfully clear in spite of its age, shows the Investiture at Car-



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narvon, the little Prince proceeding through the castle grounds in a velvet jerkin, long white silk hose, and embroidered train, holding King George's hand, and with Queen Mary on his right.

Later pictures, many of them delightfully informal, show the Prince in many quarters of the globe. India, Africa, Japan South America, the United States, and Canada welcome "the most popular young man in the world," and now then he snatches time for a game of polo, a little instruction in baseball playing, or some shooting. The picture closes with impressive scenes of the Prince's return to England and the most natural and intimate "close up" of the Empire's young ambassador.

The film has been well arranged and will make a widely interesting and popular addition to any cinema programme.

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Mrs. Lita Gray Chaplin, wife of Charles Chaplin, whom she is suing for divorce, and her two children, Charles Spencer Chaplin, Jr. (left) and Sidney Earle Chaplin, (right) playing in the sand pile on the Chaplin estate in Beverly Hills, California.

"DOWN UNDER."

SHORTAGE OF BRITISH FILMS
IN AUSTRALIA.

THE AMERICAN INVASION.

No people in the world are fonder of the cinema than Australians (says a correspondent to the "Times.") The Commonwealth has a population of only six millions. Yet 100,000,000 Australians attend cinemas yearly, or about 200,000 a week. The amount of capital invested in the industry in Australia is enormous.

There may be a lamentable shortage of British films in Australia, but there is no public prejudice against them. Australasian Films, Limited, probably the most powerful "combine" in Australia, claims that its theatres show 21.7 per cent. of Empire films. This is said to be a greater percentage than that shown in Great Britain itself. Both this organisation and the directors of the Hoyt's Theatre, Limited, have announced their intention to give preference to British and Empire films.

Australians' Regret.
Most of the films, since they come from America, are imported through Sydney. It is a matter of regret to all patriotic Australians that American film producers have obtained an enormously strong hold upon the industry in the Commonwealth.

From the information available, it appears that the British film industry is in a rather chaotic condition, and that until it organises itself and makes a serious attempt to gain a footing in Australia we shall be compelled to accept a preponderance of the products of Hollywood, in spite of the fact that British films are admitted free of duty, while foreign films pay at the rate of 1½d. a lineal foot.

The large American film companies have agencies in the Commonwealth, while the British companies are scarcely represented at all. Some good Australian films have been made, but they have not been box office successes.

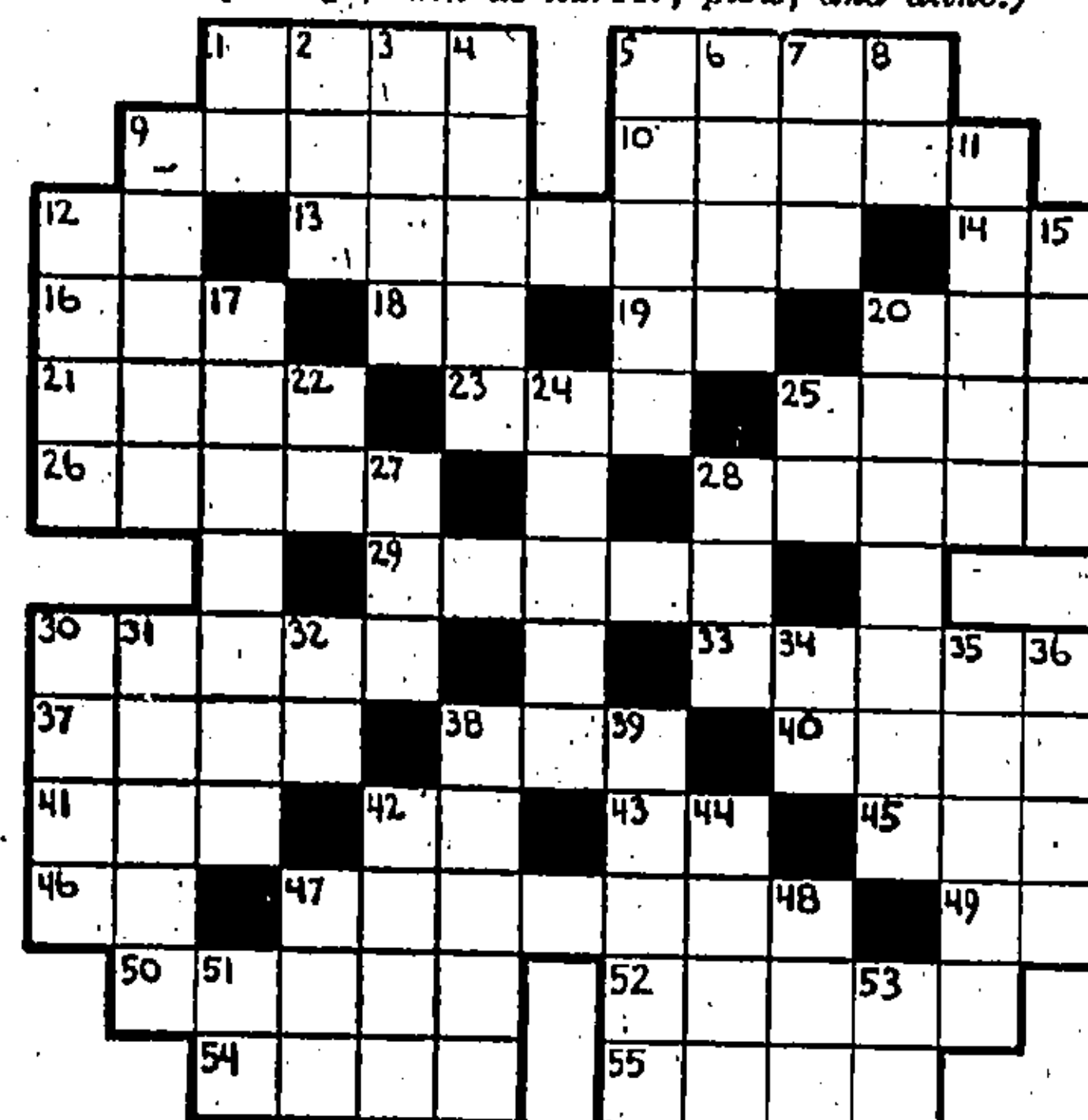
Propaganda Work.

The colouring of many American films with propaganda jars upon the feelings of Australians. In the plots of these pictures the hero or heroine is an American. In many of the films the rogue, the coward, or the inefficient is a Briton. Strong objection is taken also to some of the American advertising matter which accompanies the films. As much of the "Press-book" matter is reprinted in Australia, it passes beyond the censors' control. A remedy has been sought in recent regulations, which require that all film advertising matter shall be submitted to the censors.

There is hope that the resolutions of the Imperial Conference will bear fruit. In a young, impressionable nation the propaganda of the screen in one of the most powerful agencies for mass

DAILY CROSS-WORD PUZZLE.

(This cross-word puzzle has been made by an expert but our readers are warned to look out for occasional phonetic spellings, such as harbor, plow, and altho.)



HORIZONTAL.

- 1-A homeless child
- 5-Part of the ear
- 9-Bird of prey
- 10-Relieved
- 12-Domestic animal
- 13-An oval
- 14-Reformed Presbyterian (abbr.)
- 15-False hair
- 16-Provided that
- 18-Exclamation
- 20-Expletive
- 21-Girl's name
- 23-Edible kernel
- 25-Closely confined
- 26-Domestic
- 28-Bage
- 29-Surpass
- 30-Portaining to birds
- 33-Fermenting agent
- 37-Legal claim on property
- 38-To rent
- 40-Mature
- 41-By means of
- 42-Pronoun

HORIZONTAL (Cont.)

- 43-Part of the verb "to be"
- 45-Male human being
- 46-Point of compass (abbr.)
- 47-That which divides the Bible (abbr.)
- 50-A drunkard (slang)
- 52-A game fish
- 54-To touch
- 55-Ornamental tree (pl.)

VERTICAL.

- 1-Western Australia (abbr.)
- 2-One secret woman can keep
- 3-Allments
- 4-One who commits a felony
- 5-Station
- 6-A breaking-out
- 7-Employ
- 8-Myself

VERTICAL (Cont.)

- 9-To banish
- 11-A draft
- 12-Was indebted for
- 15-Fondles
- 17-One who fits panes of glass
- 20-Tarantula
- 22-By
- 24-A relative
- 25-E. State of U. S. (abbr.)
- 27-Female fowl
- 28-Crafty
- 30-Swiss mountains
- 31-Scene
- 32-Article
- 34-Comparative suffix
- 35-Expend
- 36-Canvas shelter
- 38-Even
- 39-Palatable
- 42-Knowing
- 44-In addition
- 47-Owing
- 48-Tier
- 51-In respect to
- 53-The States (abbr.)

SUGGESTIONS FOR SOLVING CROSS-WORD PUZZLES.

Start out by filling in the words of which you feel reasonably sure. Then will give you a clue to other words crossing them, and they in turn will give you a clue to other words, and so on, until you have filled in the puzzle. A letter belongs in each white space, words starting at the numbered squares and running either horizontally or vertically or both.

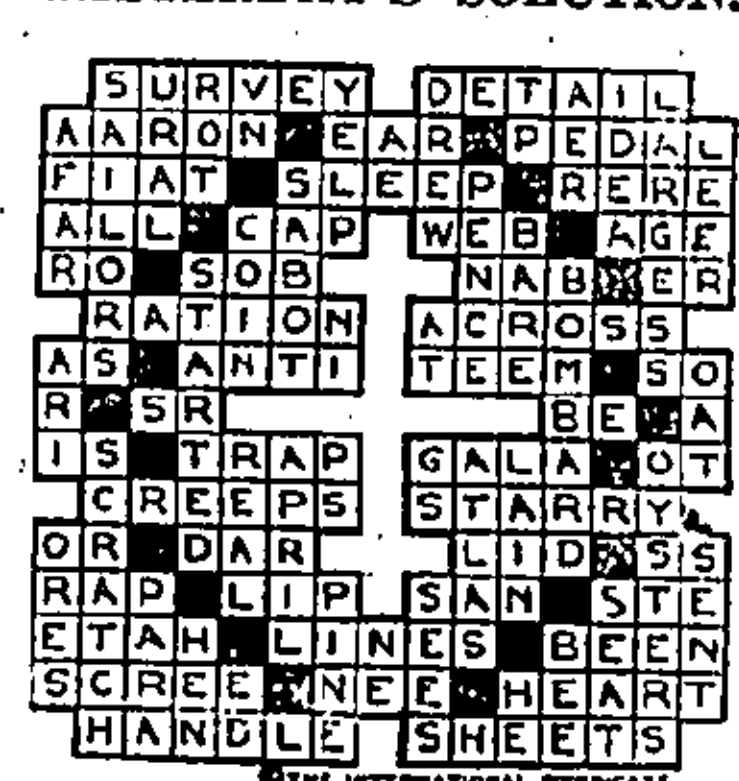
(The solution of the above cross-word puzzle will appear in to-morrow's issue along with a new cross-word puzzle.)

education. It is for Empire film producers to see that film education is imparted along British lines.

LONDON NEW THEATRE.

A novel feature of the new Carlton Theatre, Haymarket, W. is the ventilating system. By this system, which is also installed in Northcliffe House, the "Daily Mail's" new home, for which the Carrier Engineering Company, of Buckingham-gate, W. is responsible, the air is admitted at the ceiling level and is exhausted at the floor level. Thus the usual practice is reversed with a considerable advance in ventilating efficiency.

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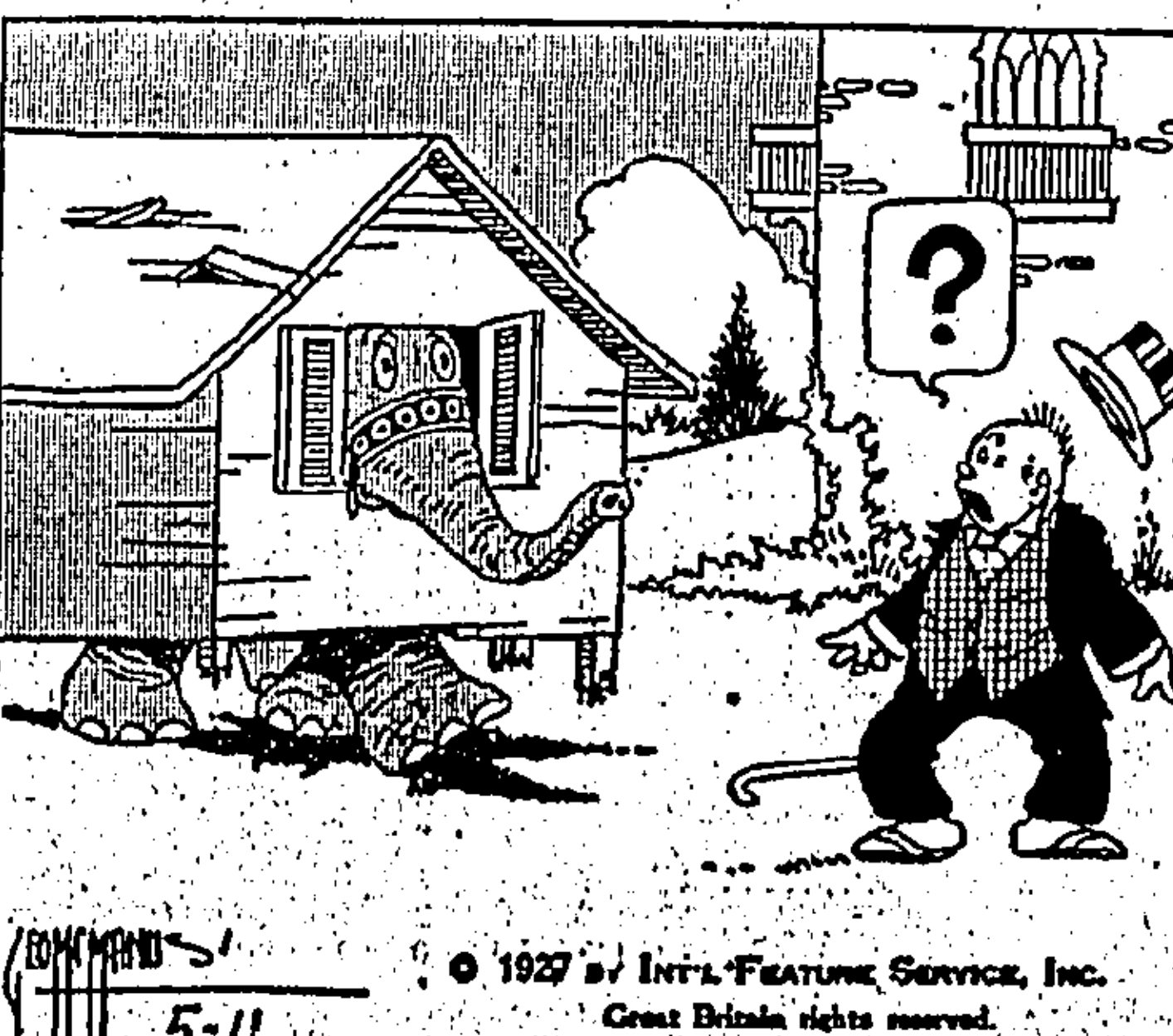
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The Prince of Wales has been created a Knight of St. Patrick.

The foot of a young woman was found by a workman who was sorting rubbish deposited in a Liverpool Corporation refuse tip.

Madame Evelyn Scotney (Mrs. Benjamin Russell), the Australian soprano, has given birth to a son at her London home. Both are doing well.

Clayton Wagons, Ltd., have obtained an £80,000 contract for 12 first-class twin saloon coaches from the South African Government Railways against severe competition.

The fourteen Chinese frescoes from a cave-temple in Shansi, which have been on loan at the British Museum through the kindness of Mr. Eumorfopoulos, have now been made a gift.

"There is one country where they fine you if you knock against a motor-car, but in England we don't do that. We still allow a pedestrian some rights on the roadway."—Mr. Justice Horridge.

At Messrs. Christie's at the first of a two-days sale of old French furniture, when a total of £22,447 was realised, a suite of Louis XV. furniture, consisting of a settee and twelve fauteuils, was sold for £2,415.

A petrol pump at Pound Lane filling station, Willesden, N.W., burst into flames while petrol was being put into a motor cycle, and both the motor-cyclist and the garage attendant were injured, while the cycle was destroyed.

Mr. Edgar Wallace leaves London for Berlin to see the first performance there of his play "The Ringer" and to arrange for the filming of his other play "The Terror," which has just been produced with great success at the Lyceum Theatre.

Half a million farthings have been collected for Kensal Rise Baptist Church building fund.

The Duke and Duchess of York on their return from Australia will receive an address of welcome and congratulation from the City and a luncheon in their honour will be given in the Guildhall.

In the Divorce Division a decree nisi was granted to Mr. Sebastiano Amari, restaurant keeper, of Alfred-place, South Kensington, in consequence of adultery between his wife and Harold Morse.

At Newport, Monmouthshire, Worshipful Brother Arthur Fell, this year's master of the Albert Edward Prince of Wales Lodge of Freemasons, by special dispensation initiated his three sons into the craft.

A blood-stained match stick found by detectives in a waste-paper basket in Robinson's room in Rochester Row led to Robinson's arrest, according to the police evidence in the Westminster Police Court on the resumption of the Charing Cross trunk murder.

WE HEAR MUCH NOWADAYS

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Dr. H. Brierley, Registrar of Wigan County Court, who is 80, has been appointed Registrar of St. Helens County Court.

The Archbishop of Canterbury addressed about 60 peers in Westminster Hall on the proposed revised Prayer-book.

Mr. Daniel Rees, assistant headmaster at Bushbury School, Wolverhampton, when cycling home from school, was killed in a collision with a lorry.

The National Federation of Iron and Steel Manufacturers report that 189 furnaces were in blast at the end of April, a net increase of 11 during the month.

Mr. William Kentish, of Pembroke Mews, Cambridge Avenue, Kilburn, N.W., who until two years ago regularly drove a four-wheeled cab for nearly 60 years, is 100 years of age.

Thieves who made a raid on Kentish Town Tube Station ripped open a safe and took £11 in cash, but overlooked a secret compartment in the safe containing more than £50.

Recently a young London business man who frequently spoke on the telephone to Paris married the operator who arranged the calls. He said: "In the words of the song, 'I fell in love with a voice.'"

Lord Derby, Lord Lonsdale, Lord Desborough, and Mr. Reginald McKenna have consented to act as trustees of the £1,000,000 National Playing Fields Appeal launched by the Duke of York.

Long distance motor-omnibus travel on a regular time-table has been inaugurated in Western Canada, by the establishment of a service between Calgary and Edmonton (Alberta), a distance of over 200 miles.

A dealer in antiques at Wellingborough has exhibited for a week in his window a sovereign with a ticket pricing it at 2s. 6d. His shop was daily passed by hundreds of people. No inquiry for the coin having been made the shopkeeper has now withdrawn it.

While a party were out on the Dumbartonshire hills between Arrochar and Ardull in search of foxes their dogs ran a wild cat into the open, where it attacked a gamekeeper, who promptly shot it dead. The animal, which was 37in. from tip to tail, weighed 19lbs.

The marriage took place at Newhaven, Sussex, Register Office, of Mr. Harold Greaves-Lord, son of Sir Walter Greaves-Lord, K.C., M.P., and Lady Greaves-Lord, and Miss Marjorie Beatrice Salmon, daughter of Mr. Charles John Salmon, whose address was given as London.

The New Zealand Department of Industries and Commerce has drawn up an itinerary for the tour in New Zealand this month of the delegates of the British Motor Manufacturers' Association, who are investigating the motor requirements of Australia and New Zealand with a view to meeting American competition in these markets.

Eskimos from Pierce Point, on the Arctic coast of Canada, who recently arrived at Aklavik to trade, declared that last autumn they saw a white man floating out to sea, on an ice-floe. The man had repeatedly fired his rifle to attract attention, but as they had no boat they were unable to rescue him. Later, wreckage of an unknown schooner was washed ashore.

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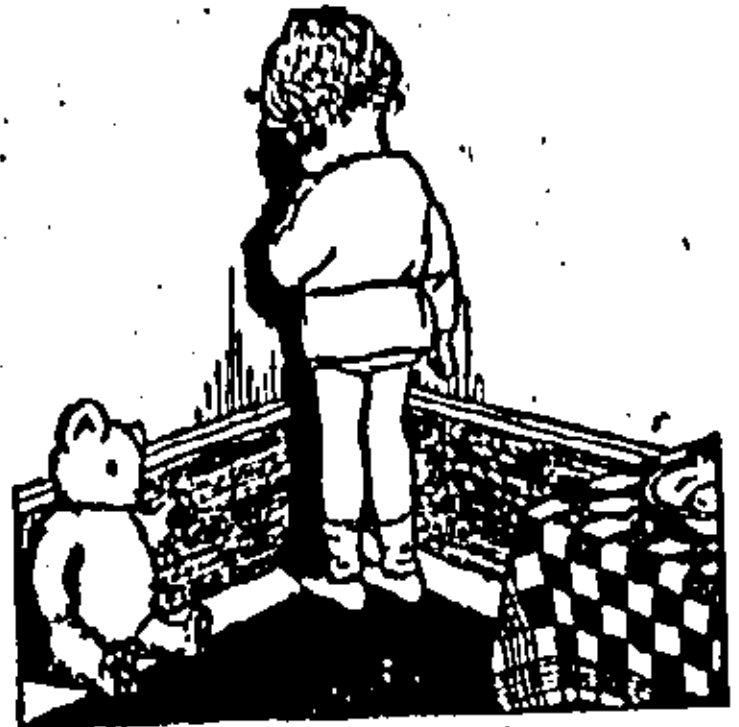
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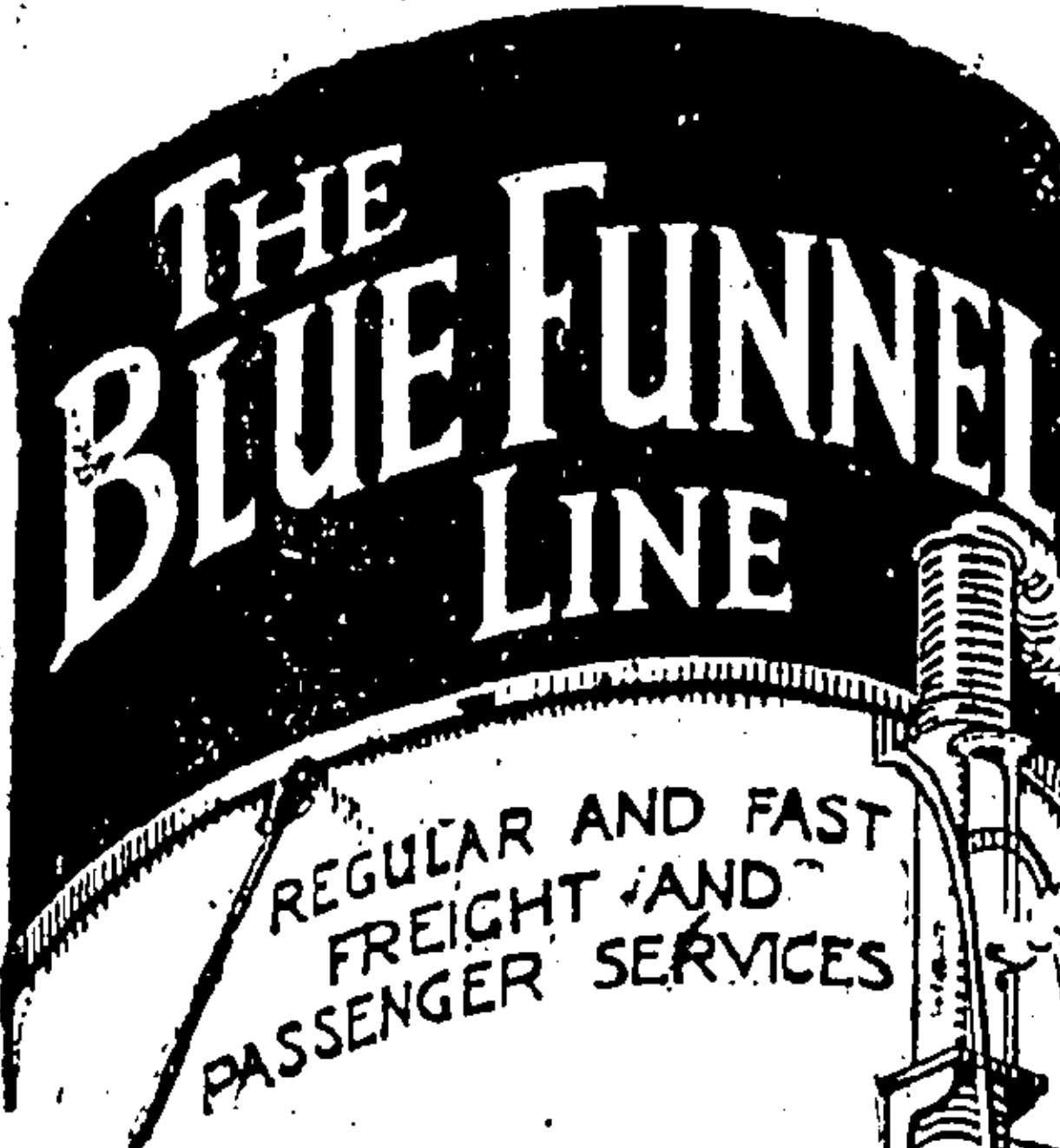
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SMALLER NAVIES.

U.S. DELEGATE'S STRONG OPTIMISM.

BRITAIN'S FRIENDLY ATTITUDE.

Rugby, June 23. Following a conversation with the First Lord of the Admiralty, Mr. Walter Bridgeman, at Geneva to-day, the leader of the United States' delegation, Mr. Hugh Gibson told the Press that great progress was being made, and they were approaching nearer to agreement on major points.

He was now optimistic regarding the results, as the Americans, he added, had asked for a statement regarding the effect of the British proposals as to capital ships, and Mr. Bridgeman had promised it for this evening.—British Wireless Service.

A Pact With Britain.

Tokyo, June 23. The "Japan Times," commenting on the "Nichi Nichi" article uttering a warning against a possible British mentioned earlier, expresses views which some believe to have been inspired by the Foreign Office.

"We," says the "Times," "do not share the belief that the conclusion of some entente or understanding with England is necessarily pregnant with international entanglements."

"On the contrary an effective understanding or pact with that country in the Pacific is highly desirable: such an understanding in fact should form an integral part of the proposed disarmament agreement."—Reuter.

Compromise Possible.

Tokyo, June 23. While retaining a firm stand against the application of the 5-5-3 ratio, opinion is gaining ground that a compromise satisfactory to all concerned will be reached between the proposals of the three Powers at the tripartite conference.

"Nichi Nichi" while in nowise opposing Anglo-Japanese co-operation warns its countrymen against the possibility of Britain attempting to use the present conference to establish an Anglo-Japanese Entente aimed at drawing Japan away from Russia so as to form against the Soviet a front in the Far East. "Jiji" calls attention to the belief that the Japanese delegates may propose a tripartite pact guaranteeing mutual peace and safety for the purpose of reinforcing and making more effective whatever disarmament may be reached.—Reuter.

HOUSE OF LORDS.

DEBATE ON CONING REFORM CONCLUDED.

London, June 23. The House of Lords to-day concluded the reform debate and agreed to Lord Fitzalan's motion without a division.—Reuter.

The question—of the reform of the House of Lords, which has been strongly advocated by a Committee of Peers and M.P.s for many months past, was brought to an issue by a motion in the House of Lords on June 22. The motion states that—This House would welcome a reasonable measure limiting and defining membership of the House and dealing with the defects which are inherent in certain of the provisions of the Parliament Act.

During the debate, Lord Birkenhead stated that in view of Mr. Baldwin's declaration at the last election, the Government intended to enact a Bill to reform the House of Lords in the present Parliament, namely before the end of 1929.

PERSIAN OFFICIALS EXECUTED.

Teheran, July 23. Three War Office officials found guilty of tampering with important documents and codes have been executed. The death sentence on a fourth, who is the son of a member of the Mejlis, was commuted to fifteen years.—Reuter.

NEW FLAG.

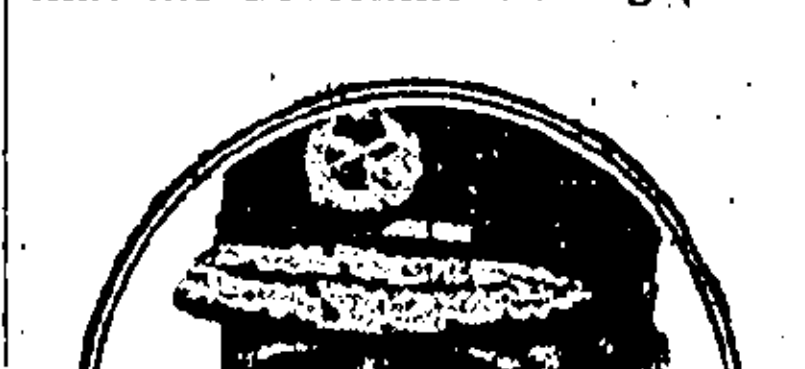
SOUTH AFRICAN MEASURE PASSED.

GENERAL SMUTS' WARNING.

Capetown, June 23. The Assembly has passed the third reading of the Flag Bill.—Reuter.

During the debate on the second reading of the Flag Bill in the House of Assembly General Smuts proposed an Opposition amendment favouring a flag combining the Union Jack and the Vierkleur (the green, red, white and blue flag).

He urged that there should be a measure conceived in a wide spirit of agreement, declaring that the Government's flag (leaving out the Union Jack) would lead to racial discord. He warned the Government that passions were boiling in the country, and appealed for the question to be approached in a super-party spirit from a larger South African standpoint.



General Smuts.

The English did not ask for the inclusion of the Union Jack as a superior authority but as their part of the flag of unity and equality, symbolising nationally the traditions of both races.

He appealed to the Premier (General Hertzog) even at this late hour to pause and try to reach an agreement.

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GOOD FAITH.

GERMAN FOREIGN MINISTER'S CLAIMS.

FRENCH CHARGES DENIED.

Berlin, June 23. The speech of M. Poincare, President of France, on June 19 at the unveiling of the War Memorial at Luneville when he cited instances of alleged militarism by Germany, received a vigorous reply by Dr. Stresemann, German Foreign Minister, in the Reichstag.

"What is M. Poincare's aim—the Ruhr policy or the Locarno policy?" demanded Dr. Stresemann. "One or the other is possible, but not both. We only want the restoration of German sovereignty. We want to be peaceful, but free."

Dr. Stresemann declared that Germany's disarmament "unto nakedness" with the guarantees supplied at Locarno were the utmost that could be offered as regards security.

Dr. Stresemann emphasised that the reduction of Allied troops in the Rhineland was a condition on which the signing of the Locarno treaty depended. "We are entitled to demand that the Allies carry out their solemn promise. It has become a question of confidence in the honesty of our co-signatories' intentions and it will not do to wait until German public opinion has lost patience in this regard."

Incidentally Dr. Stresemann said he was confident Germany would be given a seat on the Mandates Commission in September in accordance with the decisions of the League Council.—Reuter.

LOYAL GIFTS.

DUKE AND DUCHESS OF YORK WELCOMED.

RECEPTION AT GIBRALTAR.

Rugby, June 23. The battle cruiser "Renown," with the Duke and Duchess of York homeward bound from their great tour, arrived at Gibraltar to-day.

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